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A DYNAMO

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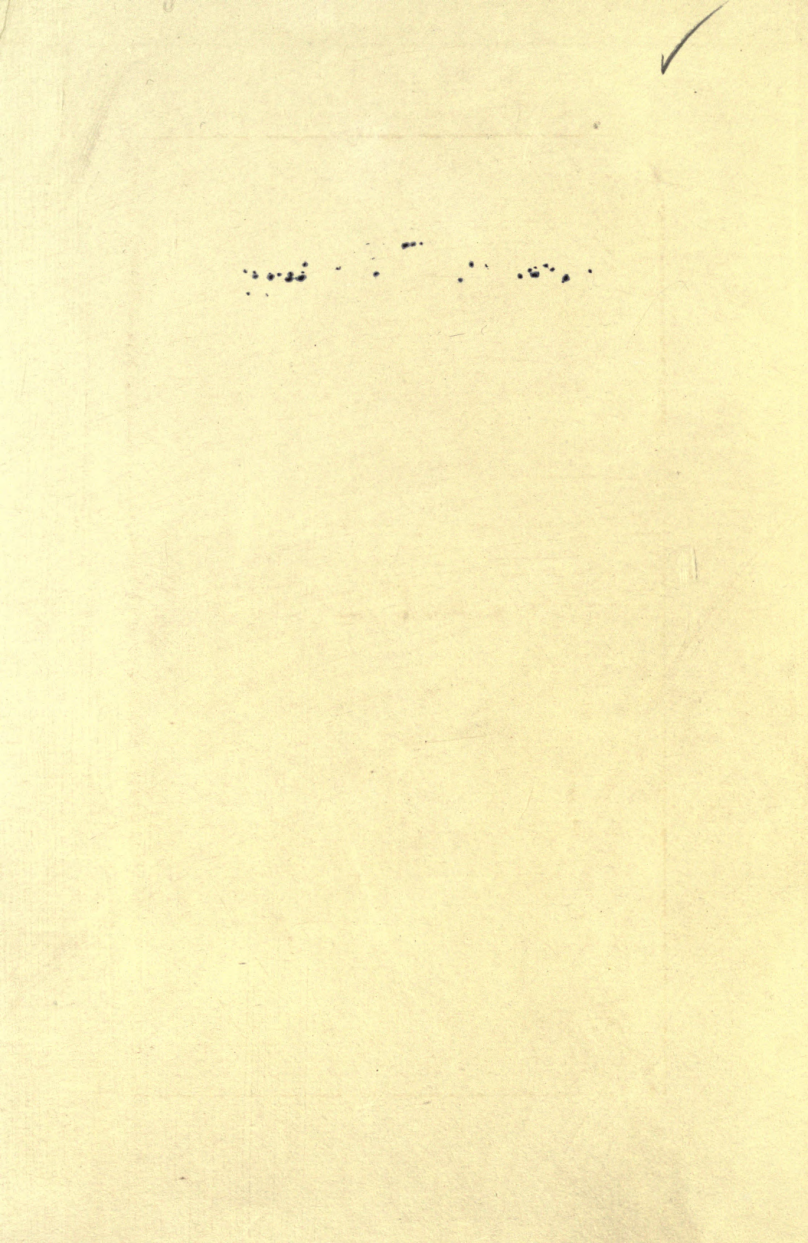


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A Practical Treatise for Amateurs.

CONTAINING NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS
FOR CONSTRUCTING A SMALL DYNAMO,

TO PRODUCE THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

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Faraday.

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PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

THE first and second editions of this little book being so rapidly disposed of; the sale of over 2,000 copies is sufficient evidence that a want existed for such an inexpensive little work, not only by amateur electricians to whom the treatise was originally addressed, but by professed engineers and mechanics at home and abroad, who have by its aid made their own dynamos to light their dwellings or workshops.

The patrons of the former editions included amateurs of rank as well as hard working mechanics, while several letters expressive of delight have reached the Author, for which he takes the present opportunity of returning his thanks, and for the support accorded to the two past editions.

That the instructions were carefully worked out by experiment before being printed, an extract from an Engineer's letter appearing on page 11 will confirm.

During the run of the first and second editions many tons of castings for working these little dynamos have been turned out at the Phoenix Foundry in Dover under the Writer's supervision, and have been sent to America, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, &c.

It is most desirable, however, that the iron employed should be *soft*, otherwise the efficiency of the generator would be affected ; therefore, to obtain satisfactory results, it is imperative to secure first class castings.

In the Appendix will be found some useful additional particulars of a Dynamo with wrought iron field cores, the shoulders of which can be easily turned up in a small lathe, and by employing a gramme ring armature and commutator as described will easily light seven twenty-candle-power lamps to their full brilliancy.

With these remarks "HOW TO MAKE A DYNAMO" enters upon its THIRD EDITION.

7, CLARENDON PLACE, DOVER,
March, 1890.

HOW TO MAKE A DYNAMO.

CHAPTER I.

WHILST the increasing numbers of professed electricians have during recent years greatly aided in developing the use of electricity, there is yet very much good work done by a considerable body of students in this science outside the rank and file, who, with no expectation of fee or reward for their labour—beyond the gratification it affords them—work hard, both mentally and physically, in scheming and manufacturing some electrical instrument or machine—they form, both at home and abroad, a large volunteer force of amateur electricians. Since the more general application of electricity to the purposes of illumination, this branch of electrical engineering has recruited its ranks with many who possess a scientific turn of mind, and welcome every opportunity of gaining some insight into the interesting and fascinating subject of Electric Lighting.

The amateur's productions may sometimes be despised by their more accomplished professional brethren ; yet frequently scientific models may be

seen at the Industrial Exhibitions and Schools of Engineering, of a nature sufficiently encouraging indeed to stimulate other novices to imitate, and considering the crude tools and appliances by which such productions are often accomplished, they frequently show workmanship that is highly creditable to the makers.

But there are two classes of amateur electrical engineers, just as among experimenters in other branches of science, viz. :—the one with a well-filled purse, and the other with but a few shillings at his command ; and yet how often the latter with his scanty assortment of tools, will turn out the best work ! There is yet another disadvantage that some amateurs have to deal with, viz. :—the want of time for working ; perhaps only a few minutes can be snatched in the dinner hour, or after the day's toil in some other occupation is over.

Many of the pioneers of electricity were but amateurs in the true sense of the word ; men who had strayed from the path of their legitimate calling. A telegraph instrument which still bears the inventor's name—the Morse printer—was the outcome of an amateur's brain. Samuel Morse was an artist by profession, but was attracted into the path of science, and left the painter's easel to pursue the study of electricity, and it was on board ship, with all the disadvantages of scanty and inferior workshop appliances, that this dabbler in electrical science conceived his brilliant idea, and worked out

the models of his recording telegraph, an instrument which holds a leading position in telegraphy to the present day in binding the world together in friendly intercourse.

The illustrious Faraday, whose portrait appears in the *Frontispiece*, did not start life in a business associated with electricity in any way ; as he was apprenticed to a bookbinder, but an attendance upon some lectures by Sir Humphry Davy drew his enquiring mind to the study of electricity. With a few pieces of sealing wax, some copper wire, and sundry pieces of iron and steel, he made those startling discoveries by which he has left as a monument of Fame to his memory, the knowledge of those laws of nature whose secrets he laid bare in all their surprising beauty. To one not articulated or apprenticed to science, but who followed her sincerely as a devoted servant, is due the unfolding of those hidden laws in magnetism and electricity which now guide the electrician of the present day in the work which he performs.

The amateur electrician possessing even the most scanty stock of tools, may nevertheless be able to construct many useful electrical articles, (such as a galvanometer, induction coil or battery) without the complete workshops of his more wealthy brethren ; for it is surprising what an insight may be gained by the manufacture of such appliances, and their usefulness may be measured by the fact that Franklin demonstrated the identity of lightning with electricity by means of a sheet of brown paper,

a ball of twine or silk thread and an iron key. Another illustration of an amateur is to be found in Arkwright, who perfected his invention of the spinning machine in the uncongenial atmosphere of a barber's shop ; and with the further disadvantage of a wife who had a persistent dislike to his designing machinery, and once smashed his models on the very eve of their completion. She frequently rebuked him for neglecting his lucrative occupation of shaving customers, and often supplemented her censure with "cuss the cheenery."

A further example of the value of an amateur may be observed in the father of railways, George Stephenson, inventor of the locomotive, who developed his remarkable engineering skill in the obscurity of a coal mine, adding to his slender earnings by mending a neighbour's clock or watch.

It is also no secret that Edison, the clever inventor of modern times, commenced his business career as a newspaper boy on a railway in America, and some of his early experiments were conducted in a corner of the break-van during such moments that could be spared during intervals of the sales of newspapers.

The foregoing instances of celebrated amateur's skill and inventive genius are noted to show that great results may spring from early tastes displayed by the tyro in science, and in order that the reader, especially if he be juvenile and with a fancy for electrical engineering, may not be discouraged by inconveniences, both mechanical and financial, as

they arise. With some bold minds it appears quite immaterial how great the apparently insuperable obstacles may be with which they are confronted, their determination to succeed generally leads them to triumph over all difficulties.

Many amateurs of the present day are the happy possessors of a lathe, (the most enviable tool for all young aspirants to electrical engineering,) and the owner of say a $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. or 5 in. centre back geared lathe with slide rest, will find such an appendage to his workshop extremely useful in the construction of the machine these instructions refer to, viz.: a serviceable little dynamo which so many tyros are ambitious to rig up for themselves, and which, when completed, will afford complete satisfaction to the maker, as it will enable him, by means of his own skill, to display an installation of the electric light, as the following extract from a letter received by the Author, will confirm:—

METROPOLITAN ASYLUM DISTRICT,
Darenth, near Dartford, Kent, Aug. 5th, 1889.

Dear Sir,

I have very great pleasure in informing you, that by means of your admirable castings, and explicit book on "*How to make a Dynamo*," I have satisfactorily constructed a 120 candle power dynamo. I had it running for four hours after I finished it, with six of Edison's swan 46 volt lamps, to their full brilliancy; and I must tell you that an electrical expert, Mr. Dale, whom I know, said it was all that could be desired.

Yours &c.,

HENRY GILES, *Engineer*.

To Mr. Alfred Crofts,
Electrician, Dover.

CHAPTER II.

As a general rule the amateur pays rather dearly for the materials required in carrying out his hobby ; and it is seldom that the tyro in mechanical matters can dispose of his productions with any advantage to himself, but, on the contrary, with a certain loss of money, patience and time ; therefore, in a financial point of view, it would be false economy for him to attempt the manufacture of a set of models for a single dynamo, as the patterns require to be made with the greatest exactness and finish in order that the resulting castings from them should be perfect in every respect. Pattern making, like moulding, is a skilled branch of its own, and as the Dover foundry is now making a speciality of soft iron castings of small dynamos, which are obtainable by the amateur ready to hand, he can be fairly started with the necessary substantial materials at a moderate cost, and, apart from the knowledge that will be gained by building his own dynamo, it will, if carefully made, leave a margin of remuneration for the labour bestowed upon it, as the requisite materials can be bought for at least one-fourth of what it would cost to buy the finished article. By following a machine of good repute there is no costly experience to purchase in making trials, as amateurs often do, upon vague

ideas of their own, nor the risk of disappointing results, yet one word of caution is necessary—do not be in too much hurry, as sometimes an amateur's zeal is apt to confirm an established maxim "the more haste, the less speed."

Before describing the type of dynamo to be selected, it will be worth while to take a retrospective glance at the early history of the electric light, and its progress through the employment of magneto electric generators and the modern dynamo.

The electric arc was first displayed at the Royal Institution by Sir Humphry Davy in the year 1801. He employed a large number of galvanic cells, from which two wires were led to a couple of charcoal pencils: these pieces of charcoal were brought together and afterwards slightly separated, when a brilliant light was emitted from the ends thus almost touching.

At this stage, however, the electric light could only be regarded as a wonderful scientific toy for the philosopher, since the troublesome and costly method of generating electricity by the chemical action of batteries prevented its use from becoming general for illumination purposes, and for a long time it was confined to the lecture hall and stage, until, in the year 1831, the time arrived when nature whispered her secret of the laws of

MAGNETIC INDUCTION

into the ears of Michael Faraday, the son of a

village blacksmith. Young Faraday had become the pupil of Sir Humphry Davy, who perceived qualities in the country blacksmith's son which indicated that he was better adapted for scientific research than in following the trade of a bookbinder, which he had commenced learning. Professor Davy afforded the lad every opportunity of gratifying his particular taste, and the young philosopher pursued the study of science with such devoted love that nature bestowed upon him her reward; for she selected him as the man of genius to unfold her hidden mysteries, and to proclaim to an astonished world how currents of electricity could be generated in a coil of wire when suddenly brought near, and quickly removed from the poles of a magnetised bar of iron or steel. This brilliant discovery was the starting point which ultimately led to mechanical energy being converted into light by means of

MAGNETO ELECTRIC GENERATORS,

with which in the early Alliance machines constructed by Nollett, of Brussels, and subsequently improved by Holmes, of England, some of the first important experiments in electric lighting were carried out at the South Foreland lighthouses, St. Margarets, near Dover. The magneto generators are still in use at these lighthouses, and are constructed upon the principle of Faraday's discovery of magnetic induction by which coils of insulated copper wire are rapidly rotated near the poles of fixed steel horse-shoe-

shaped permanent magnets; the rapid revolution of these coils of wire produces alternate currents of electricity; the exciting magnets are arranged in fixed circular form with their **N** and **S** poles placed alternately, and separated by equal spaces; the moving coils of insulated wire are placed at regular distances upon a revolving drum, and constitute what is termed an armature; when these coils in their rapid revolution approach the pole ends of the stationary steel magnets, a momentary current of electricity is induced in one direction, and upon the coils receding from these exciting field magnets, an instantaneous current is also established, but in an opposite direction to the former one. Machines of this type are known as *alternating* current generators, and it may be remarked that in electric arc lamps worked on this system the upper and lower carbons burn away equally,—an important consideration in lighthouses, since the focus of the arc can be maintained at one fixed point.

A series of alternating currents are developed in a single revolution of the armature, the changes of current being dependent upon the number of magnets passed by the coils in their circular path of rotation. De Meritens, of France, has also made improvements in magneto machines, both as regards reduced size and slower speed; the coils of wire in the De Meritens' armature are of ring form, but built up in annular shaped sections. In this, as in Holmes', there is no commutator required, since the two extremities of the entire wire covering the ring

furnish the alternating current for the arc. Magneto electric generators, however, excepting for light-houses and other special purposes, have been superseded by

DYNAMO ELECTRIC MACHINES,

for based upon the laws of magnetic induction, modern science has developed generators known as dynamo machines, in which the steel exciting magnets are dispensed with, and the iron carcase of the machine is wound with insulated copper wire in such a manner as to form two electro-magnetic poles, one of north and the other of south polarity, when a current of electricity is caused to flow through the wire ; iron does not retain magnetism like steel, although it is susceptible of a higher degree of magnetic power, and the horn-shaped pole pieces of a dynamo which embrace the armature, being of cast iron, will contain some residual magnetism after the current from a galvanic battery has been passed through the wires surrounding the limbs of the field magnets which are connected to the pole pieces. The magnetism remaining in the poles is but weak, yet is sufficient to induce a current of electricity to flow in the wire of the armature, when it is quickly revolved between them. The current thus generated in the armature is conducted through the wire system of the field magnets, thus augmenting their exciting power, and consequently increasing the current first induced in the armature, which

again re-acts upon the field magnets in a much stronger degree, and they in turn excite an intensified current in the armature, and so on, until a powerful current is obtained. This is the principle of a dynamo of which the Gramme (Fig. 1) is a

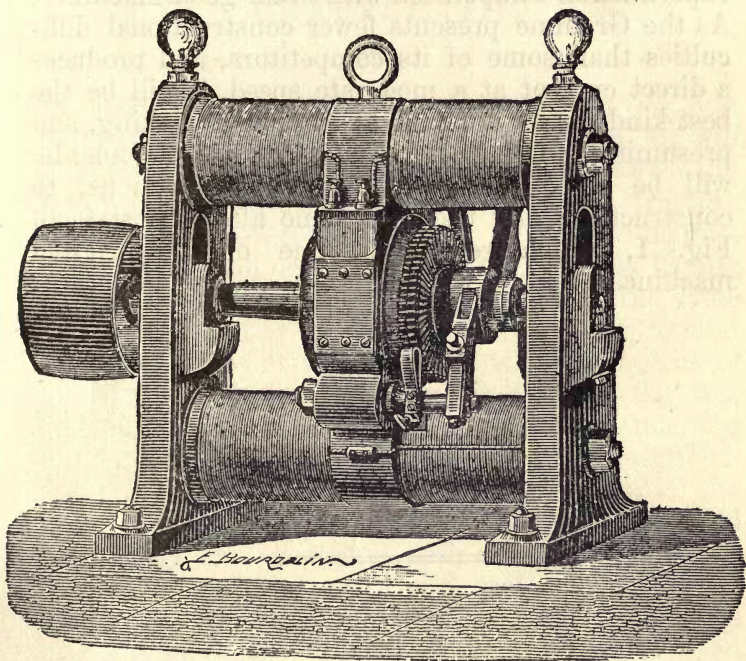


FIG. 1.

leading type, for after the patent had expired in 1884, makers sprang up all round to manufacture it,

either in the original form, or with certain questionable improvements, which confirmed the high reputation this dynamo had acquired during the successful run of its patent, and from the published results of trials conducted at the South Foreland in experimental competition with other good machines. As the Gramme presents fewer constructional difficulties than some of its competitors, and produces a direct current at a moderate speed, it will be the best kind for an amateur to set about making, and presuming a fair knowledge of the use of tools, he will be able, in following these instructions, to construct a really useful dynamo after the style of Fig. 1, which represents one of the original machines.

CHAPTER III.

IN starting upon the dynamo there will be first required an iron carcase, of such design as will produce a large electro-magnet, with its north and south poles resulting in the middle of the structure that is left uncovered with wire. An electro-magnet in its usual form consists of two bars of iron, having an end of each united by a cross-piece of the same metal, a quantity of insulated wire being wound upon the limbs or bars, so that when a current of electricity traverses the wire, it renders the free ends of the bars magnetic, the cross-piece remaining unmagnetised. In the small dynamo to be described, the cross pieces are formed by the standards, the limbs or bars will hereafter be known as the field cores, and are so wound with wire as to produce consequent poles of north and south polarity. By employing two bars, one projecting from each side of a pole piece, the winding of each bar must be in different directions; sufficient iron must also be used in the field cores, so that they do not become too soon saturated, and thereby prove detrimental to the steady working of the machine. Fig. 1 gives a general idea of the shape the dynamo is

intended to assume when completed. It will, however, be observed in the illustration, that the brushes are held by bosses cast upon the pole pieces; whereas, in the dynamo to be described, this method will be dispensed with, and a more convenient arrangement employed by attaching a rocking holder to one of the standards of the machine. An increased portion of iron in these bosses at the polar extremities is not desirable, but rather a gradual increase of metal towards the crown of the arch. In the engraving, Fig. 1, lubricators are shown upon the top of each standard, in which there is a hole bored to provide a passage for oil to the bearings of the shaft; in the dynamo now to be described, however, its lubricators can be conveniently arranged in receptacles in the standards immediately over the bearings, where they can be snugly out of the way. An eye bolt also appears upon the upper pole piece, for the purpose of lifting or removing the dynamo by a hook or bar, and this may, if desired, be reproduced in the machine about to be commenced. Leaving these small preliminary differences, the necessary articles required for the complete machine may be summarised as follows:—

The upper and lower iron field magnet cores and poles,

Fig. 3 also shown in section (Fig. 2).

A pair of iron standards (Figs. 4 and 5).

Gun-metal bearings for the axle (Fig. 6).

The steel axle (Fig. 7).

Pair of gun-metal supports for armature (Fig. 8).

Laminated punchings, for armature, R. (Figs. 2, 9, and 10).

Five screwed brass rods with nuts, for bolting punchings together.

The commutator, of copper or gun-metal segments, S.C. (Fig. 2); also (Figs. 11 and 12).

Supports for the brush rocker, in cast-iron, S. (Fig. 4).

The rocker, of malleable iron (Figs. 13 and 14).

Clamps for brushes, of gun-metal (C. Fig. 14).

Brushes of copper or brass, in wire or thin plates (Figs. 15 and 16).

Driving pulley, of cast-iron.

Two binding screws and connecting clips for wire ends (Figs. 17 and 25).

Insulating material, of sheet vulcanised fibre, and ebonite rod.

Lubricators of syphon form, in gun-metal.

Copper wire covered with cotton, for wrapping round field cores.

Similar wire, for armature coils.

Pair of brass bridge plates, B. (Fig. 2) in section.

Paint for ironwork, and varnish for wire.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view, illustrative of the arrangement of the field magnet cores F, their pole pieces G, and the rotating armature R, and commutator C within them.

The field cores are iron bars of round section, F, Fig. 2, and when they are wound with wire will become magnetic under the influence of electricity generated by the machine, and the iron cores thus magnetised will excite electricity in the wire coils of the moving armature R, by reason of the magnetism developed in two halves of its laminated iron core by the influence of the pole pieces attached to F, so that magnetism is produced in the field cores by passing round them the current generated in the armature, and they, by the inductive action of their

pole [pieces upon the iron body R of the laminated ring, develop electricity in the wire surrounding it.

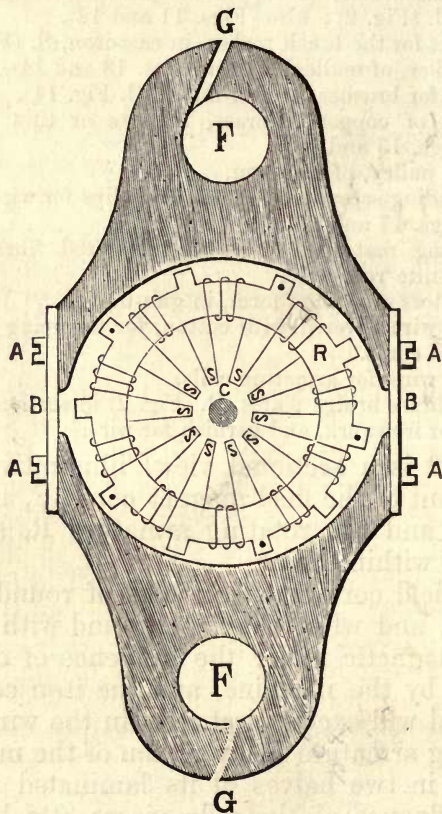


FIG. 2.

When the iron core, R, of the armature rotates, the magnetism arising in two halves of the ring

does not travel with it, but remains stationary, and the wire coils covering the core develop their electricity by induction in their rapid passage over the *fixed magnetic regions of the ring*; it will be observed that the ring is wound with ten coils of wire, each of which is connected to a division of the commutator C: as the armature revolves the currents produced by the moving coils are picked up by the brushes near B B and conducted around the field magnet cores.

For the purpose of studying the principle of the armature, the ring core may be imagined as not being in motion, but the coils of wire revolving around it instead. Upon consideration it will be seen that the iron ring without rotation becomes magnetic when the pole pieces are magnetised by the fields being excited by a galvanic battery, or when they are formed of permanent steel magnets as sometimes employed in the hand dynamos of French manufacture; the revolutions therefore to be considered are those of the coils enveloping the semi-circular magnets of the ring. A line, supposed to pass from B to B, is the neutral line, where the induced magnetism does not reside in the ring, as it diminishes towards this point; the armature wire may be regarded as being divided into two halves, each end of the same sign being united at this neutral line by those segments of the commutator, C, that are engaged with the brushes diametrically opposite each other when passing through the neutral spaces, B.B.

CHAPTER IV.

THE action of the field magnets upon the armature being understood, it will now be necessary to make a selection from three kinds of iron that can be employed in their manufacture.

THE FIELD CORES.

Wrought-iron, although the best, is inadmissible for the purpose of the amateur, if expense is of any consideration. There is the labour of forging, drilling, and tapping the bar ends for bolts, or tooling them down to spindle ends for screwing to receive nuts; also a great task would be involved in tightly and accurately fitting the pole pieces to their respective field cores. Malleable iron castings may be noticed, but their great drawback is the alteration of shape they are subject to in the process of annealing; therefore, cast-iron, if of good soft quality (which can be had) will answer well for the purpose; they will only be found a trifle hard where the metal is smallest in the casting, probably caused by quicker cooling than in the more massive portions of the metal. This can, however, be remedied by making them red hot on a smith's hearth over night, and allowing them to cool down very slowly in the ashes of the expiring fire; the process, if repeated a few times, will greatly improve them.

The dynamo under notice, being intended for 120 candle power (incandescent lighting), the field cores and pole pieces being of soft cast-iron, require to be of the size and shape indicated by Fig. 3.

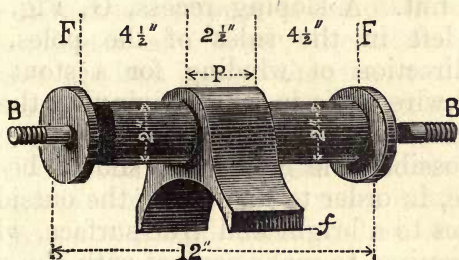


FIG. 3.

An advantage in using cast-iron is that the pole ends and field limbs are all in one piece, without joints; bad contacts of iron with iron in a built-up magnet cause a loss of magnetic power, so that any disadvantage of cast over wrought-iron is nearly counterbalanced in this respect in a small dynamo. A choice, however, may be made in the field cores, whether they shall have flanges of iron cast on their ends to form iron spools for the wire, or without these flanges, in order to slip separate coils of various gauges of wire on the field bars, for altering the purposes of the dynamo. Unless this may be required, it is advisable to have the flanges cast on the cores; the process of moulding them is somewhat difficult, but by the pattern being made in four

removable portions it can be accomplished. In the centre of each flange the shank end of a wrought-iron bolt is embedded in the casting to provide a projecting pin, screwed with a $\frac{5}{8}$ in. Whitworth thread to secure it to the standard with a bright hexagon nut. A sloping recess, G, Fig. 2, should also be left in the sides of the poles, hollowed in the direction of winding for a stout and well insulated wire to lie in when beginning the convolutions over the field cores.

If possible, the field cores should be mounted in a lathe, in order to turn down the outside faces of the flanges to a bright and true surface, where they will be required to make contact with the standards. If the rim of each flange is also turned off bright it will greatly add to a neat appearance, and in cases of flanges not being employed the ends of the field bars should be turned off in a like manner, so as to ensure a good metal contact with the standard and be squarely bolted to it; a $\frac{1}{8}$ in. cut on each end of flange will bring them quite true. It is unnecessary to add that both the upper and lower fields should be of same length after being turned, which will make their distances between the standards 12 in., it being $11\frac{1}{2}$ in. within the flanges, as shewn in Fig. 3. One of the castings being selected for the upper bar, a hole can be drilled in the centre of the top of its pole piece for tapping to $\frac{5}{8}$ in. W.T., to receive a screwed eye bolt for lifting (if required) of 2 in. outside diameter. When the top and bottom fields with their poles in the centres are secured

within the standards, the pole pieces should form a tunnel 5 in. and $\frac{1}{8}$ in diameter, measured perpendicularly in the central portion of the chamber, which, however, is not quite circular, as the diameter should increase to $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. from an extremity of one pole piece diametrically opposite the other when they are finally adjusted and fixed; therefore, it will be observed that the iron lugs of the ring, and the wire wound upon it, are a little nearer the poles as they arrive within the crown of each arch. Nor do the magnetised poles entirely embrace the circumference of the armature; on each side a space is left between the polar extremities, and a central line imagined to pass through the centre of these spaces which divide the poles is termed the neutral line. Near to this line at the space inside B, is the position for the brushes to make contact with the sections of the commutator. When the poles are fixed in position, each neutral division between them should be spanned by a bridge of brass, B, Fig. 2, the plates of brass being secured by the screws, A; a flat surface provided at the extremities of the iron pole pieces, and shown at f, Fig. 3, is for the purpose of attaching an end of the bridge piece to it. This will serve three useful purposes; first to maintain the pole pieces in position, so as to prevent them from shifting and colliding with the armature when the latter is in rapid motion; secondly, since zinc, brass and copper are *insulators of magnetism*, these plates will intercept the lines of force passing between the extremities of the poles; therefore, the

plates B, Fig. 2, may, with advantage, be made thicker between the ends of each pole piece, so as to fill the gaps on the inner sides of B. A final use for these brass bridges will be to engrave thereon the name of the maker ; this, however, must be the last job in the construction of the amateur's dynamo.

CHAPTER V.

THE STANDARDS.

THESE are necessary for supporting the field magnets and to provide a connecting yoke for them, as well as for holding central brasses or bearings, in which the shaft may run. Fig. 4 is a sketch one quarter the full size of a standard, and a pair of these castings will be required. The illustration shows one intended to carry the brush arrangement, and a corresponding standard will be required for the other end—minus the brush support.

The circles marked C are bosses projecting from the inside surface about $\frac{3}{32}$ of an inch, and are intended to act as chipping pieces, to be filed truly flat, or, better still, removed by planing, so as to present a true and clean metal surface to receive the turned flanges, F, of the field cores (see Fig. 3). The holes in the centre require to be $\frac{5}{8}$ in. wide, and of slightly oval shape, so that a small adjustment may be given to the poles of the field magnets in fixing them over and below the armature. It is also as well to chip a countersink or bevel as shown on the edges of the holes; this allows the field cores to

bed snugly home against the faced up standards at C, in the event of a burr being left on the inner end of the bolt in turning down the ends, or flanges, F, of the field cores.

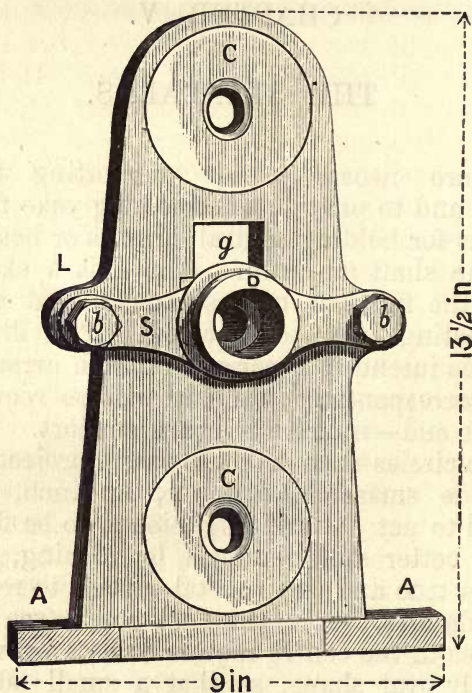


FIG. 4.

Referring to the pattern of the standard (Fig. 4)

L indicates a lug on each side ; a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. hole is left through each lug in casting, and to each hole is secured by means of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. bolts and nuts *b b* an iron bridge casting, S, having a hub, D, in its centre. This bridge can be easily mounted on the face plate of a lathe, in order that its cylindrical hub may be turned for the reception of a swivel brush rocker, which will be referred to hereafter. Holes $\frac{3}{8}$ in. diameter should be drilled in the base of standards at A, for ultimately bolting the dynamo to the floor, —these holes are drilled more easily by inverting the casting for the operation ; *g* is the receptacle for a lubricator, and the opening is arranged sufficiently wide to admit the brasses which fit into a space below. These split brasses may be observed in the cut behind the bridge S ; they are secured in position by a malleable iron wedge, into which the lubricator is screwed by $\frac{3}{8}$ in. brass gas thread, to be noticed presently.

The standard for the other end of the machine will be like that just described ; but the lugs, L, in this case can be conveniently used as a very suitable position for the binding screws or terminals of the machine. The holes in the lugs must first be plugged with some insulating substance, such as vulcanised fibre or ebonite rod, and as the latter can be obtained of a suitable diameter for the purpose it may be preferred. When the holes are filled with this insulating material, it will require a $\frac{3}{16}$ in. hole drilled through each plug to receive the shank of a binding screw.

Having planed the circles, C, on the standards, and turned the ends of the iron cores of field magnets, as well as having trimmed the castings well down with an old file (removing all sharp edges and corners, &c., especially from the pole pieces), it will be advisable to frame them together in a temporary manner to obtain

THE IRON CARCASE

of the dynamo, of which Fig. 5 is an illustration

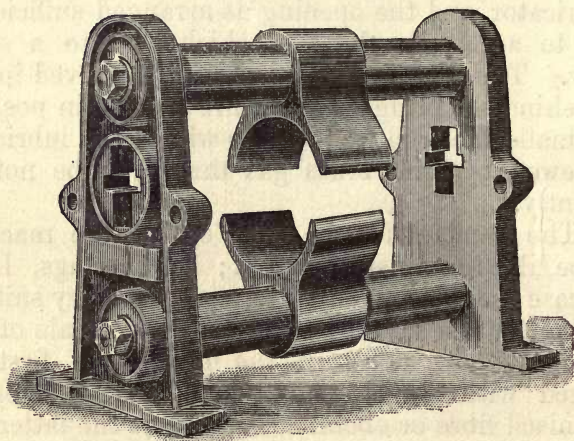


FIG. 5.

showing the field magnet cores (without flanges on them) secured to the standards. This is done by

means of hexagon-shaped nuts screwed upon the wrought-iron bolts, B (Fig. 3), cast in the field cores, these bolts being supported in the holes which have been left at calculated distances from each other in moulding the standards. The pole pieces, P (Fig. 3), in the centre of the magnet cores require to be massive and smooth in the semi-circular sweep, and will, when one is placed over the other as shewn in the engraving (Fig. 2), be found by measurement to form a circular chamber within them of about five inches diameter. This can, however, be slightly adjusted by lowering the upper, or raising the lower field cores in order to bring the tunnel thus formed exactly to the radius of the shaft passing through its centre ; when the armature core is in due course mounted on the shaft, and the true position of the pole pieces determined, they can be maintained in their proper places by some steady-ing pins projecting from C in the standards. Before this can be accomplished, however,

THE BEARINGS

to support the shaft will require consideration. In the standards (Fig. 4) it will be noticed that in the middle of each, spaces are provided for the gun metal bearings, Fig. 6 (sketched full size), to fit into ; and over each space is a wider but narrow gap intended to receive a malleable iron plate casting tapering like a wedge, which, being tightly inserted in the slots over the bearings will firmly secure

them. In the centre of the flat of this wedge plate a $\frac{5}{16}$ in. hole should be drilled and tapped $\frac{3}{8}$ in. brass gas thread, to hold the end of a syphon lubricator

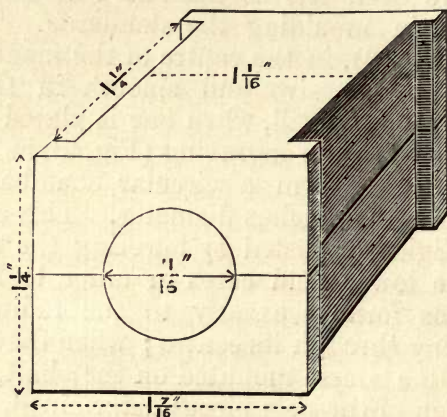


FIG. 6.

screwed to this size ; the stem projects through the wedge plate and enters a hole provided in the top half of the bearings to conduct the oil as well as to make it impossible for the wedge to get loose. The chamber for the brasses will first require a little chipping to widen its narrowest side to the size of the opposite end (this tapering being a necessity in moulding) and will subsequently require filing to the width sketched within the flanges and shown on the top half of the gun metal bearings (Fig. 6).

The two corresponding halves of the bearings are to be filed to the sizes indicated on the sketch.

When they are nicely fitted in the standards, *without shake*, and the iron wedge tightly driven in over them, the faces may be filed bright, taking care to use a suitable file. The next consideration will be to enlarge the central hole, formed by the two semi-circular halves in the castings, to the size shown, viz., $\frac{1}{4}$ ths; first, however, any grit or sand should be removed with an old round file, so that the tunnel is bright within and ready to receive the tapering end of a $\frac{5}{8}$ in. fluted rhymer, using a tap wrench with double arms for operating it, in the manner of tapping a thread, and working alternately from each end; a smooth and polished surface will now be developed within the hole, and when this size of rhymer has passed through, it should be followed by a $\frac{1}{4}$ parallel one, to be worked through in the same manner as the former tool. This will finish the bearings quite smooth, parallel, and correct; the split halves should then be numbered or marked, so that their positions may hereafter be known whenever they are removed from the standards.

CHAPTER VI.

Having finished the bearings in a workmanlike manner, the next job will be

THE STEEL SHAFT.

This must be selected from best mild round steel bar of one inch in diameter : the reduced ends of the bar to form the spindles can be tooled down by a smith, and this will save some labour and wear and tear of the lathe in removing the metal if the steel is sent to the forge ; but if the bar that is chosen happens to be perfectly straight it may be advisable not to let the smith manipulate it, lest he should upset its trueness. If not forged, the bar must be cut the full length required for the finished shaft sketched in Fig. 7, with the spindle ends and other dimensions illustrated.

If, however, the spindle ends *e* and *e f* are tooled down by a blacksmith, the steel may be cut an inch or so shorter, as it will lengthen to the required size in forging the spindle ends for bearings to a smaller diameter. With an allowance of sufficient metal to remain for turning, by means of a pointed punch, lightly indent the middle of the end of the bar forging, that it may be mounted and twirled between

the lathe centres to ascertain if it has been correctly

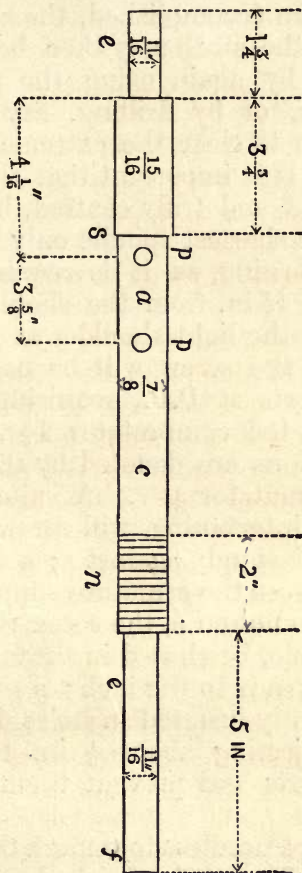


FIG. 7.

marked; if not, the experiment must be repeated

until the bar will revolve without wobbling. When this feat has been accomplished, the centres marked in the ends of the steel may then be deepened for turning, either by again using the pointed punch and a hammer, or by drilling, say a $\frac{3}{8}$ in. hole sufficiently deep to clear the extreme points of the lathe centres. It is important that the steel bar be perfectly straight and truly centred, because, at the end towards the shortest spindle only $\frac{1}{8}$ in. must be taken off in turning, as it is required to leave a diameter of full $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the shoulder of the left hand spindle to the light shoulder at *s*. The space between *s* and the screw will be occupied by the armature supports at P.P., requiring $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of the shaft, and the commutator $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches; their respective positions are denoted by the armature at *a* and the commutator at *c*. A suitable nut on *n*, with a washer intervening, will screw the armature and commutator snugly against *s*; a slit tube should be inserted between the armature supports to receive the thrust of the nut on *n*, the screw thread of which should, if possible, be chased in the lathe, of a pitch about twelve threads to the inch; *p p* are $\frac{3}{8}$ in. steel clutch pins, tightly inserted in holes drilled into the shaft, and projecting about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to engage the armature supports and prevent them from turning upon it.

It is perhaps needless to remark that the spindle ends *e* (see Fig. 7) must be finished perfectly smooth so as not to cut the gun metal bearings (Fig. 6); they must however, turn freely in them without

shake. The extra length of spindle at *f* that projects beyond its bearing is to receive the driving pulley for revolving the shaft. This pulley may in size be adapted to the circumstances of the machinery intended to drive the dynamo; a small one, however, 2in. wide by 3½in. diameter, will be suitable for running from an engine fly wheel direct, or a rather larger one may be substituted where the motive power is obtained from countershafting running at high speed. The armature of the dynamo will be required to make 1,700 revolutions per minute to obtain the best results. The pulley casting should either be drilled out in the boss to $\frac{1}{16}$ ths the size of the spindle, so as to fit tightly on the same without reducing it, but as it is difficult to select a drill that will produce a hole to the exact size required, it may be drilled somewhat smaller, say to $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and the bore enlarged in the lathe to the exact diameter required to obtain a tight fit upon the spindle. A keyway must now be cut in the boss of the pulley with a small square file, and a flat surface filed upon the end of the spindle as a seat for the steel wedge key that the pulley may be held fast upon the shaft for turning to a true and bright surface. There is a disadvantage however, in turning up a pulley on a slender shaft, and a short mandrel may be employed for mounting it to be turned in the lathe. When transferred to its intended quarters on the shaft a little wabbling is apt to be perceptible; this will certainly occur when keyed on if it has been allowed to fit loosely on either the mandrel or shaft in turning.

CHAPTER VII.

Presuming the steel shaft and its iron pulley to be finished in compliance with the foregoing suggestions, the next matter will be to fit

THE ARMATURE SUPPORTS

upon the shaft, and but little consideration is required to perceive that iron would be inadmissible for them, therefore they must be formed of brass or gun metal. Their shape or pattern, however, varies with different machines and makers, some preferring them in

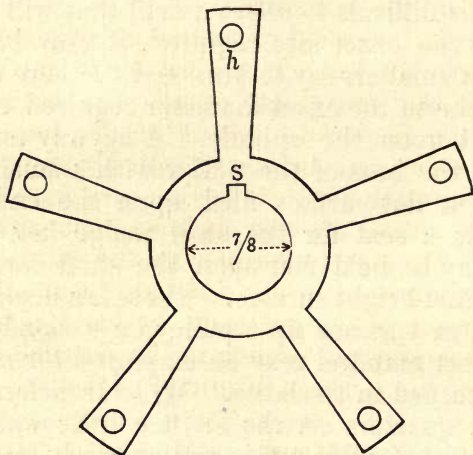


FIG. 8.

the form of wheels, while others use spiders or star-

shaped flanges as shewn in Fig. 8, the sketch being a half-size representation of the supports required for the amateur's dynamo. A pair of castings will be necessary; they can be obtained with a hole cored in the centre of the boss in casting, the diameter of which requires to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., with five projecting arms (to suit the toothed-ring core they will carry), by corresponding to alternate cogs from which $\frac{1}{4}$ in. brass rods extend to enter the holes *h*; the boss has an extra length on one side to obtain a firm support upon the shaft; the hole left in the centre of the casting can be bored in the lathe to a sliding fit of the size shewn on sketch, which it will be observed, is the diameter of the shaft at *a* to be occupied by the armature.

The best method of mounting or chucking the supports in the lathe is to fit a bit of boxwood in a cup, or other convenient chuck, and hollow it out, so that the respective bosses of the stars may be inserted tightly in the boring of the chuck; the hole in each support can then be enlarged by a slide rest cutter, to obtain an easy fit upon the shaft at *pp* (see Fig. 7); while mounted in the lathe a pointed scriber is adjusted in the slide rest, and with a little manipulation of the gut band, by hand, a radial line can be marked on each arm, to coincide with the centres of the holes in alternate cogs of

THE ARMATURE CORE PUNCHINGS,

Fig. 9, the holes *h* in the arms of the star supports

being drilled at the marked line to a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in diameter. The groove or keyway *S* in each boss must be filed out to receive the projecting pins *p p* on the shaft, and these slots must

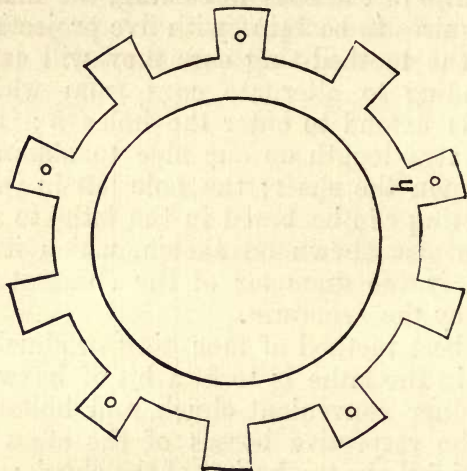


FIG. 9.

be coincident in each support, the catch pins *p p* being inserted directly in front of each other. The bosses, extending on one side of the star supports when mounted upon the shaft, are to face inwards towards each other; the holes *h* in the arms should easily admit the projecting ends of the screwed rods passing through the holes *h* of the punchings (Fig. 9) which bind them together; in Fig. 10 small hexagon brass nuts are illustrated on alternate cogs, showing the method of compressing the

lamination plates of soft sheet iron together; these punchings can be obtained from electrical instrument dealers, of five inches external diameter, to suit the chamber formed by the semi-circular pole sweeps; if the punchings are thick about sixty of these iron stampings will be wanted for their combined thickness to equal the width of the pole pieces; if thin, a

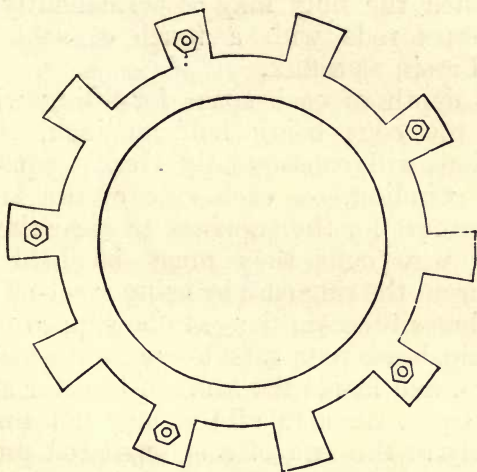


FIG. 10.

greater number will be wanted. Before bolting them together they should each receive a coat of special flexible varnish, by means of which tissue paper can be attached to one side of each punching.

As the holes for bolting are alternate on the ten lugs of the stampings, five brass rods of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. diameter will be necessary to build up the laminated

core, and this process will be simplified by having the rods a little longer at first, and shortening their length after the laminations have been compressed into a thickness of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, using $\frac{1}{4}$ in. brass hexagon shaped nuts on the screwed ends of the rods outside the core. These are gradually screwed up evenly all round the ring, and when the screwing is completed the nuts may be permanently secured to the brass rods with a touch of solder, using powdered resin as a flux.

The depth of each space for filling with wire between the cogs being half an inch, the wire convolutions will consequently overlap equal to the depth of winding, on each side of the laminated core; therefore for the supports to clear the ends of armature wire coils they must be held at $\frac{5}{8}$ in. distance from the ring core by using "set-off pieces" of small brass tube $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, to be slipped upon the screw of the brass rods outside each nut securing the stampings, and inside the arms of the star supports.

In case of an arm of the star not presenting itself fairly to the end of a screwed rod proceeding from a lug of the core, a smart tap administered with a light hammer to the arm, or with a mallet to a rod if it is bent, will soon remove the difficulty.

CHAPTER VIII.

The core may now be mounted upon the shaft to see how it runs with regard to trueness, and if the holes in both supports have been carefully marked and drilled, and the screwed rods holding the core are not bent, it may be expected to run accurately; any little eccentricity of behaviour can, however, be corrected by changing the screwed rods to different arms; if necessary for clearing the pole pieces, the edges of the cogs may be turned off a trifle by employing the lathe back gear for the purpose. The fastening nuts should, however, be first screwed on the rods, outside the arms of each support, and the superfluous ends of the screws projecting beyond the exterior nuts removed by a hack saw, leaving a bare sixteenth to form a burr to prevent the nuts from working off. It will be obvious that before turning the exterior of the core, it should be firmly secured in its position by slipping washers over the shaft at *c* and tightening all up by the nut on screw *n*. (See Fig. 7.)

When this built-up core is mounted upon the shaft and found to run truly between the lathe centres, it should be marked so as to denote the arms of the supports fitted to certain ends of the brass screwed rods projecting from intermediate cogs on the ring core, in order to ensure its being again

mounted in the same position after it has been removed for the purpose of winding; the ends of the brass rods must not, however, be burred upon the nuts until after the wound and tested ring is mounted upon the shaft. To form a burr on the rod ends, the armature should be held vertically, the lower end of the rod being placed upon some solid substance while the upper end is tapped with a hammer.

The next operation will be to trim up the core, using a half-inch square file to remove any little roughness on the sides of the cogs produced by the edges of the laminations,—a little time spent with a file will bring the compressed mass quite smooth and solid in appearance; the interior of the ring should also receive similar attention, using a rather large half-round file; and having so far prepared the laminated ring core for insulation, the next matter to be put up in hand will be the commutator.

It is a subject for consideration whether the device known as a *commutator* in the Gramme dynamo might not as well be regarded as a *collector*; so long, however, as the amateur recognises its purpose, the mere term by which this arrangement is named becomes unimportant. It consists essentially of a series of copper, gun metal, or phosphor bronze bars, arranged parallel with one another, in equal divisions of a circle, and corresponding in number to the coils of wire upon the armature ring. Each segment of metal is insulated from its neighbour. Upon reference to Fig. 9, it will be observed there are ten spaces between the cogs of the laminated core

intended to receive wire, consequently the same number of divisions will be necessary in the commutator; to make one for the small dynamo now progressing, there will be required a gun metal cylinder casting, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, $2\frac{7}{16}$ in. internal, and $2\frac{1}{8}$ in. external diameter, leaving a shell thickness of full $\frac{1}{4}$ in. A piece of good sound boxwood must now be selected to form a hub upon which the cylinder has to be mounted, after its interior has been made tolerably smooth by a light boring cut in the lathe. This hub must also be bored to $\frac{7}{8}$ in. diameter to fit tightly upon the shaft at C, Fig. 7, and is then turned up in order to receive the cylinder casting, which must fit tightly over the hub. Fig. 11 is a full size sectional representation of the boxwood support H, with the gun metal cylinder W upon it. Hard vulcanised fibre is also a good material for forming the hub.

The mounted cylinder should now have a light cut taken off the ends in the lathe, and its periphery rubbed bright with an old file while revolving in the lathe, when it will be ready for dividing into ten equal sections to correspond with the recesses in the ring Figs. 9, 10, and unless the amateur is the proprietor of or has access to a lathe with a division plate attached to it, this task of marking had better be left for an engine divider to set twenty division lines equi-distant from each other around it. Ten of these lines may be cut deep, as they have to be sawn through with a metal cutting saw, the other intermediate ten need only to be slightly marked, as they are simply for denoting the position for a hole

to be drilled through the centre of the ends of each metal segment into the wood within to receive a $\frac{7}{8}$ in. brass screw S, Fig. 11, for holding the segments of metal upon the hub. These screws should enter the boxwood rather tightly, and the heads be sunk

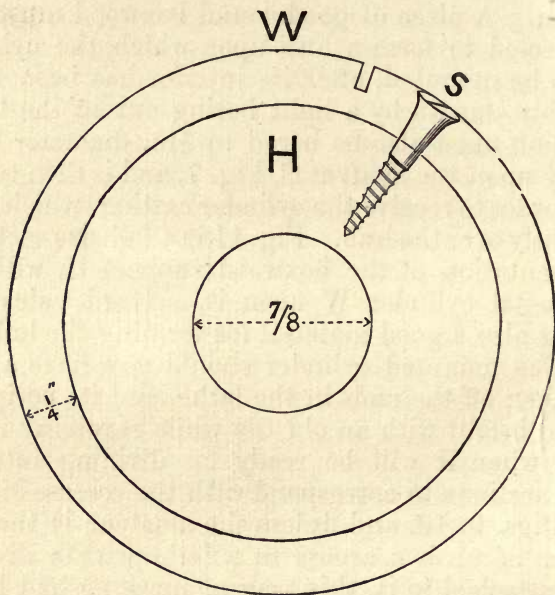


FIG. 11.

flush in the metal by a countersink, care being taken that they do not reach the shaft. If, however, the screws do not exceed $\frac{7}{8}$ in. in length this will not occur. There being ten segments to be formed,

twenty screws will be required, and when they are inserted, a sharp hack saw applied to the deep lines between the screws will neatly and truly divide the cylinder into ten parts. The commencement of the saw cut may be observed between W and S, Fig. 11; the saw should also enter the boxwood to a depth of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. for the insulating medium to obtain a firm support, and prior to the complete

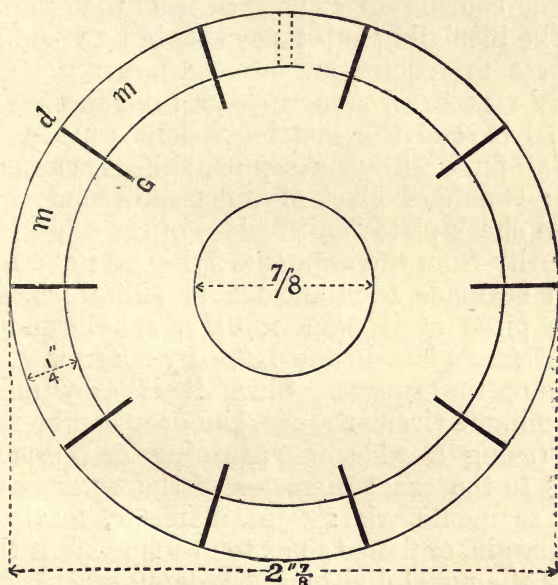


FIG. 12.

separation of the cylinder into segments, it can, if necessary, for trueness, be mounted in the lathe to

receive a light cut on its periphery by the slide rest tool, but generally speaking, the application of a file to the surface of the cylinder when it is revolving in the lathe will remove any rough edges that may exist.

The ten metal segments must now be insulated from each other by slips of hard black or red vulcanised fibre being tightly fitted and glued between them in the saw cuts, see Fig. 12 d—g, shewing sectional view of the fibre slips insulating the neighbouring divisions each from the other.

The insulating substance should be of sufficient thickness to require pressure to insert it between the sawn grooves, and any protuberance of this material beyond the metal divisions can be easily pared off flush with a sharp penknife or carpenter's chisel; two hard black fibre discs are now required to form cheek plates for the sides of the commutator, as security from the segments flying off; these discs should be made from sheet fibre $\frac{1}{4}$ in. thick, and a square piece of it $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. can be mounted upon a face plate in the lathe by a screw at each corner of the square. Since it is easy material for turning, a circular recess $\frac{1}{8}$ in. deep can be readily sunk (using a wide wood-turning or carpenter's chisel) to the exact diameter of the outer circle of metal segments, viz.: $2\frac{7}{8}$ in. diameter, leaving the rim, margin, or flange so as to overlap and fit tightly around the metal divisions. A depth of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. will be sufficient to project beyond the segments as a rim; a corresponding plate must also be made for the other side of the commutator, and both of them can,

if desired, be fastened to the metal segments or boxwood hub by screws; the nut *n* upon the shaft will, however, be sufficient to secure the rims upon the segments, thus confining the ends within the sunk circle of the vulcanised fibre discs, so as to prevent the segments from working off or getting loose when running at high speed.

It will now be necessary to provide a conductor to electrically connect each segment of the commutator with two adjacent coils of the armature; for this purpose drill a sixteenth hole near the end of each division of metal intended to be placed towards the armature, shewn in section by dotted line through the top segment of Fig. 12; each hole being required to admit the end of a short length of No. 16 brass wire. The segments can be removed one at a time in order to countersink the under part of the hole, and when the wire is inserted it can be permanently fixed with a drop of soft solder in the countersink; the free end of each wire proceeding outwards from a segment should be tinned with solder in readiness for its being ultimately connected as a junction conductor with the union where the ending of one coil joins the beginning of the next one upon the armature ring core.

Having completed the commutator it can be mounted upon the shaft with the armature core, in order to ascertain if a washer is required between the boxwood hub and the armature support; it is better to use two thin lock nuts for screwing all up securely upon the shaft, as they are less liable to work loose than a single deep one.

CHAPTER IX.

THE armature core, held by its supports upon the shaft, should now be mounted in the bearings of the dynamo carcase, and by adjusting both field bars in each hole of standards, the pole pieces can be closely and accurately set to clear the teeth of the ring. The nearer the latter can revolve without colliding with either pole piece the better for inductive effect, and about $\frac{1}{24}$ in. clearance may be allowed. When the exact position of each pole extension has been determined upon, two $\frac{1}{4}$ in. holes must be drilled in each standard, one under the hexagon nut, the drill passing into the flanges of field magnet bars, *but not through them*. The object of these four holes is to receive steady pins of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. round iron rod, slightly tapered and hammered permanently into the standards, leaving $\frac{3}{16}$ in. projecting from the planed surface inside, in order to fit into the holes in flanges to retain the field cores and poles in proper position, and so that they may also readily fit together again correctly, when the machine is at any time required to be taken to pieces.

The brass bridge plates shewn at B, Fig. 2, will also materially assist in maintaining both pole pieces in their required position; and they may now be

fitted upon the extremities of the pole pieces with small iron or brass screws shewn at A, Fig. 2; previously, however, measuring each gap between the pole ends by a pair of inside callipers. The spaces will be about $1\frac{3}{8}$ in., and the pole extensions which may happen on one side to approach each other more closely than the opposite ones may be corrected with a file so as to equalise the distance of both neutral spaces, if any difference should be found to exist between the opposite gaps.

THE BRUSH ROCKER.

By preference this should be a malleable iron casting of the design illustrated by Fig. 13, and R

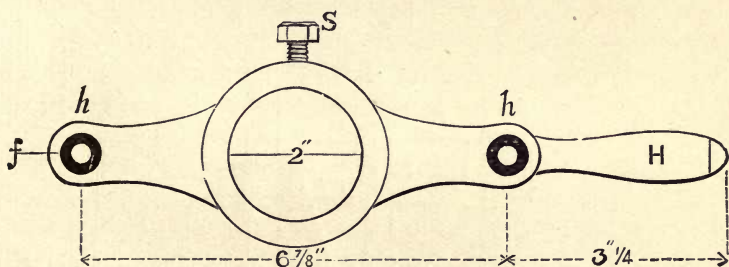


FIG. 13.

in Fig. 14, which can be easily bolted on to a face plate by the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. holes *h* left in the arms in casting; the enlarged centre can then be bored to the diameter shewn, that it may be set at any desired angle upon

the turned hub D of the support S on the standard, Fig. 4, in order to adjust the brushes upon the commutator; a set screw S is used for retaining the rocker in any desired position when the brushes are properly adjusted. H is an ebony handle held upon

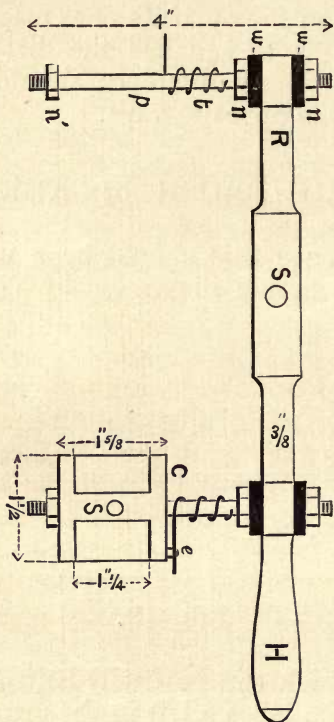


FIG. 14.

a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. rod projecting from one end of the rocker; a

second handle on the opposite end can be added if desired. The holes *h* require to be plugged with $\frac{1}{2}$ in. round ebonite rod; and a $\frac{1}{4}$ in. hole shown at *f*, is afterwards drilled through this insulating substance.

In Fig. 14, the rocker *R* is illustrated with one of the gun metal brush clamps *C* attached to, but insulated from it: the clamps are supported on spindles *p* and have a free vibratory movement upon them. A $\frac{1}{4}$ in. hole is drilled through a boss on the casting underneath the receptacle for the brush and parallel with the bridge *S* carrying the set screw; these spindles can be conveniently made from $\frac{1}{4}$ in. round brass rod of the length shewn on sketch, being secured to the brush rocker *R* by nuts *n n*, and insulated from it by the vulcanised fibre washers *w w* $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick and 1 in. diameter, and the plug of ebonite *f* in Fig. 13. A nut *n'* on the end of each spindle will prevent the clamps from working off, and an additional nut will afford connection for a wire leading to a terminal if shunt wound; a tension spring *t* having one end of its spiral fixed to the pin *p* by passing through a hole drilled in the stem, and the other end entering the loop *e* on the side of the clamp, can be adjusted to exercise a light pressure of the brush upon the commutator as the brush clamp is tilted by the action of the spring.

THE BRUSHES.

These can be made as illustrated in Fig. 15, of brass or copper wire of No. 20 gauge, cut into a

number of six inch lengths ; one end of each must be separately tinned with solder, then packed in a

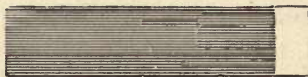


FIG. 15.

temporary rectangular shaped tin tube, with the tinned end projecting from it about one inch for binding them together by soldering, the interior of the tubular mould to be equal to the inside of brush clamps. Then the bundle can be removed from the mould, and a narrow band of copper or tin substituted so as to slip somewhat tightly over the wires towards the free ends and confine them closely together. Very good brushes can be more easily made from thin brass plate rendered springy by hammering, using two or more plates in layers one over the other, each having a series of slots or fine saw-cuts as represented in Fig. 16.

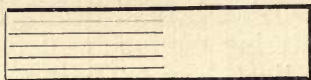


FIG. 16.

These can be set as required in the clamps and held fast in them by a screw S in the centre of the bridge. The brushes must be arranged not to press *heavily*, but *evenly* upon the commutator ; and jumping must be guarded against to prevent sparking.

The neutral points will not be found between the extremities of the pole pieces; but somewhat in advance in the direction of rotation, and are variable according to the speed of armature, as well as from any alteration of resistance in the lamp circuit. A "lead" has therefore to be given the brushes which require adjustment upon an increase or decrease of the current generated in the armature. A little end-play of the shaft is sometimes allowed, in order that the brushes may not wear the commutator unevenly, and to prevent heating.

TERMINALS

Are now required to connect together the dynamo wire circuit with the outer wires running to the lamps; one standard has the brush arrangement bolted to it, the opposite one is intended for the terminals to be attached to the lugs on its sides. The holes in them are plugged with ebonite rod and a $\frac{3}{16}$ th hole drilled through each to receive a pair of

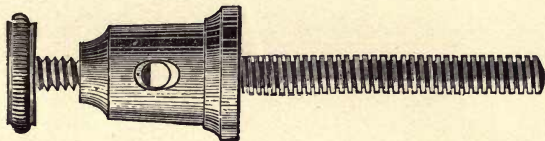


FIG. 17.

substantial terminals, with extra long shanks (as illustrated full size in Fig. 17) and stems sufficiently

long to pass through the lugs and receive a nut at the end of each. This will not only secure them to the standard, but also provide attachments for the wire of the dynamo circuit. Insulating washers similar to those used upon the pins of the brush rocker are required on each side of the lugs. As a pair of ready-made terminals, like those shown in the wood-cut can be bought for 1s. 6d. with nuts, it is hardly worth while for an amateur to make them; should he, however, wish to do so the exact size of a suitable pattern is before him.

CHAPTER X.

THE fitting up of the dynamo being now finished, a preliminary trial can be made of its mechanical qualities by attaching the band from a lathe fly-wheel to its pulley, and presuming the armature core to rotate freely within the chamber formed by the pole pieces without touching, with the brushes slightly pressing upon the segments of the revolving commutator, and the shaft turning in a satisfactory manner, the aspiring amateur, thus encouraged, will enter upon the second stage in the development of the small dynamo, by insulating the field magnet cores and the toothed armature ring preparatory to winding.

The field bars should first receive a coating of Japan black, or varnish paint, such as Aspinall's enameline, which is not only a step in the direction of insulating the wire from the iron, but will prevent rust, which might cause mischief at a subsequent period. The writer on unwinding a number of electro magnets belonging to Morse telegraph instruments has frequently found the insulation of the innermost coils of wire destroyed by rust on the

iron core, probably caused by the moisture of an operator's hand in winding. The circumstance is noted as a hint to those who would wish to secure their work from such danger; it may also be remarked that malleable iron is very susceptible to rust, especially by the action of methylated spirit used in shellac varnish.

After the paint has dried upon the field cores, they should be covered with broad white cotton tape (to be obtained at any draper's), securing the ends of wrapping with a touch of joiner's glue. Eight thin vulcanised fibre or india-rubber collars must now be cut from a sheet of either material to insulate the inner surface of iron flanges on field cores, also the sides of pole pieces; to fit these collars over the field bars they will require to be cut in halves, or clipped in the manner of messengers (as used by boys when flying kites). They must be attached to the iron with thin glue, Giant cement, or Kay's coaguline; and the tape should be well soaked with melted paraffin wax.

Certain teeth of the armature core being marked to correspond with definite arms of the star supports, the laminated ring may be disconnected and painted or japanned prior to insulating it with tape. The sides of the recesses must also have strips of tape cemented to them, and all portions of the ring to be occupied with wire require to be covered with the same material, which should be finally basted with melted paraffin wax. Too much care cannot be exercised in the matter of insulating the iron ring.

SERIES, SHUNT, AND COMPOUND WINDING.

At this stage the amateur will have decided whether the dynamo is to be series, shunt, or compound wound. In the series arrangement the field magnet cores require to be wound with wire of a large gauge and of comparatively few turns, while those in the shunt system are wrapped with a greater number of convolutions of smaller wire. In the arrangement of the latter only a portion of the current generated by the armature is used in the fields, whereas, in the series-wound dynamo, the whole of the current produced by the armature is passed through the fewer turns of wire upon the field cores; the same magnetising effect occurs, however, to the iron in either case—for example, field magnets as series wound require a certain number of comparatively thick turns of wire, and the shunt a great many more turns of finer wire, for on a field magnet core of given size one ampère can be caused to magnetise it as fully as 1000 ampères in the following manner.

Supposing the experimenter is only employing one ampère, then he must increase the number of ampère turns of wire; therefore, if he uses 1000 turns of a fine gauge, there will be a magnetising effect as powerful with one ampère, as there would be with the 1000 ampères passing once round the iron core. It takes a requisite number of ampère turns to magnetise to saturation the iron core of an

electro-magnet, and it is immaterial whether a large current traverses a few convolutions around the bar, or a small current circulates many times around a large number of turns of wire wound over the same bar. This winding with fine wire explains the principle of a shunt machine where the winding has a higher resistance in the fields which only receive part of the current generated in the armature, the other portion supplying the leads to lamps; in the case of incandescent lamps being added to the main circuit the shunt dynamo can meet the extra demand upon it, as the additional resistance to the main circuit diverts the current into the shunt coils, and consequently increases the power of the magnetic field; upon the removal or extinction of any lamps the opposite effect occurs.

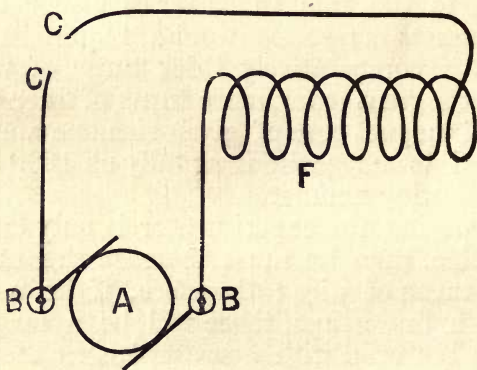


FIG. 18.

Fig. 18 illustrates the circuit of a series dynamo

adapted for arc lighting by means of two carbon electrodes C. C.; incandescent lamps, however, require the E. M. F. to be steady, as they are apt to give way if an excess of current is supplied to them; the shunt-wound dynamo gets over this difficulty by checking any rise of current consequent upon a variation of resistance in the lamp circuit, for as the resistance is lessened by turning off lamps, so a reduced portion of current is served to the electromagnet coils F.; this consequently weakens their action upon the armature. It will be seen from the diagram, Fig. 19, which indicates the main and shunt circuits of a shunt-wound dynamo the current generated by the revolving armature A is split or divided at the brushes B between F and L; F denoting the field magnet or shunt circuit, and L the lamps in main circuit.

Referring to the series-wound dynamo in the diagram Fig. 18, it will be observed that the work to be done in lighting is included in one circuit, viz., the revolving armature A, the field magnet coils of thick wire P, and the lamps. In a parallel arc arrangement, each lamp acts as a bridge between two branch wires proceeding from the terminals.

The shunt-wound system shown in diagram Fig. 19, is better suited for an installation of incandescent lamps, in consequence of the power of this form of dynamo being greater or less as may be required, the work to be done in the external circuit L of a variable number of lamps in use being regulated by an even balancing of supply and demand.

The field magnet, armature and lamps, all acting harmoniously together in this system of adjustment.

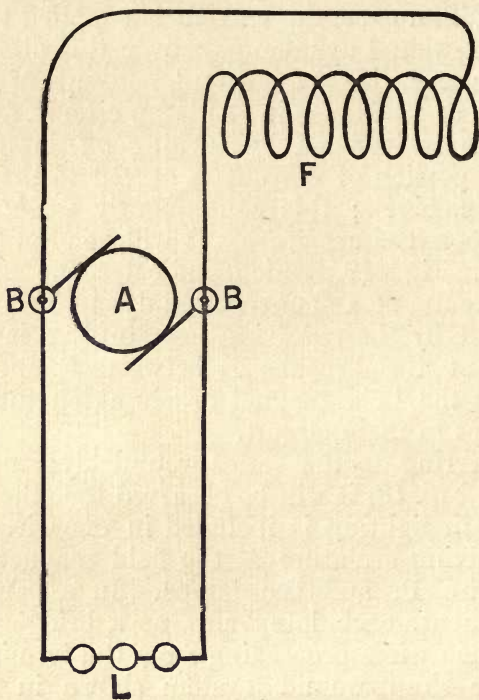


FIG. 19.

In the series machine, there is but one path for the current through the field magnet and armature coils, conductors and lamps; whereas in the shunt dynamo, there are two circuits to be considered, viz.,

the *main* and the *shunt*; in this arrangement the current divides itself between the leads, lamps, and shunt coils wound over the iron cores of the field magnet.

In the other method of winding known as the compound or series-shunt system (which, however, is not advised for small dynamos) the generator is rendered automatically self-regulating, so that it can supply the current in proportion to any number of lamps in use, the electro motive force remaining constant. The method consists of double winding, that is to say, series and shunt combined; the windings may be arranged in various ways, but in general practice the series wire is first wound over the field bars, and afterwards the finer shunt wire. In the case of more lamps being put on in parallel form the external resistance is decreased, and the increased current round the series coils produces an increase of magnetism proportional to the requirements of the case.

A portion of the electricity developed in the series-shunt wound dynamo is employed to maintain the magnetism of the field cores and pole pieces, the remainder being used for the lamp circuit; the magnetic field increases and decreases, as the resistance in the external circuit varies. The shunt wire is often termed a "teaser;" Brush on the other side of the Atlantic, and Varley on this, both claim to have originated the idea of compound winding in the series-shunt system; Varley also suggests winding two of the four-field magnet cores with thick

and two with small wire, using the former as series and the latter as shunt circuits ; or, in another method he proposes winding one end of the core with thick, and the other with thin wire, which, it is suggested, will answer as well or better than the usual compound system of winding, as wire can easily be added or removed in coils so as to get the exact adjustment.

CHAPTER XI.

IF the dynamo is to be wound for arc lighting, or for a definite number of lamps, not subject to variation, wire of a large gauge only will be required for the fields. No. 16 covered with two layers of cotton will be suitable, and the quantity must be regulated by the amount and resistance of the armature coils.

Professor Sylvanus Thompson asserts that to determine the gauge of wire to be used for the field magnets of series wound machines, *it is a useful rule to remember that the resistance of the field magnet coils of a series dynamo should be a little less than that of the armature, say two-thirds as great.*

In armatures of the ring type, as in the Gramme, only one quarter of the entire quantity of wire upon the core should be considered, because when the armature is running its wire is divided into two portions at the sections of the commutator, diametrically opposite each other at the brushes. The theoretical problem of winding a dynamo is, however, not clearly defined to the professional electrician, therefore the amateur might well be pardoned for getting confused in calculating resistances of dynamo wires. These are affected in various

ways, such as increase of temperature when at work, also quality of the copper conductor, as well as the degree of softness of the iron employed in building up the armature core, which, if of hard nature would cause some heating, consequently affecting the resistance of the wire around it.

Large shunt dynamos have the field cores wound with a considerable resistance in comparison to the armature wire. This difference of resistance does not apply in the case of winding a small machine intended to light but a few lamps ; as an instance, a small 100 candle power Gramme has been wound to act either as shunt or series ; for the latter, by reducing the resistance of its field wire by coupling the coils in parallel system, the whole resistance of the wire circuit of the four limbs of magnet being employed when used as a shunt machine. In this experiment the field wire was 16 gauge, and the armature coils 18, but for continuous working under these conditions as shunt some heating of the armature coils might ensue.

Small shunt wound dynamos for lighting only six or eight 45 volt. lamps should contain a field resistance of not less than double, and not much over treble the entire resistance of armature coils : within these limits, the same size wire such as 18 or 20 may be used throughout. A frequent error in many small shunt machines in which the fields are wound with too high resistance, may often be remedied by removing wire, substituting larger, or connecting the coils in multiple arc arrangement.

If series wound the armature coils require to be of a gauge four sizes smaller than the fields. Again, the rules which apply to large dynamos are not deducible for small ones employing cast-iron for fields, therefore the sizes and approximate quantities of wire which have been found by experiment well suited to the small type of dynamo now ready for wiring are as follows:—

FIELD MAGNET.	ARMATURE.
Series wound..... 11lbs. No. 16	4lbs. No. 20
Shunt wound..... 12lbs. No. 18	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. No. 18
Compound wound { 3lbs. No. 16 as series 9lbs. No. 20 as shunt }	
	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. No. 18

It is important to select the best quality of copper conductor ; that there is a vast difference in copper wire may be gathered from the remarks of the President of the British Association, September, 1888, with reference to the impurity of some copper conductors. Allusion was then made to the conductivity being in some cases reduced by as much as 50 per cent.

The copper conductor should be evenly covered with two layers of cotton, free from kinks ; second-hand wire must be rejected ; it should also be procured on bobbins or drums, or transferred to them before winding. These should have a spindle (a stair rod does nicely) passed loosely through the hole in the centre of each, and the winder will not then experience the difficulty that might happen in using it from hanks, with the consequent risk of entanglement, and probable loss of temper.

WINDING THE ARMATURE.

Before proceeding to wind the iron ring core of the armature, four slips of wood, each four inches long, are wanted; two of these pieces in section G, Fig. 20, are required to fit between the outside lugs L of the ring to support by means of the screws S

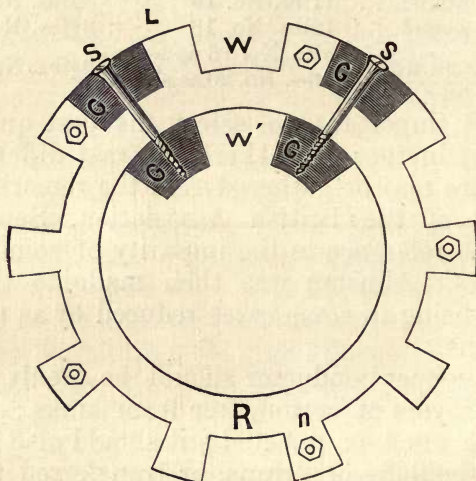


FIG. 20.

the two other slips at guide blocks inside the ring. Temporary walls are thus formed to limit the space W' in width for winding the interior of the laminated core. Without these guides the inner winding of

the first coil would trespass upon the space required for the neighbouring one.

When the first coil has been wound it will be obvious that only one guide will be afterwards needed; the sides of a coil acting as a barrier, until the last recess has to be filled with wire, when the other guide can also be dispensed with; the strands on both sides will then leave the exact space between them for winding the final coil over the ring.

To wind the armature core it will be necessary to make a wooden shuttle as represented by Fig. 21,

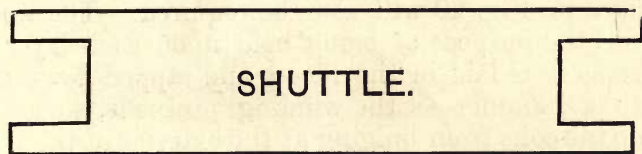


FIG. 21.

nine inches long, and one inch full width, having a gap at each end $\frac{3}{4}$ in. deep by $\frac{5}{8}$ in. wide; its thickness may be about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. and the edges must be rubbed quite smooth with glass paper. Presuming the dynamo is to be shunt wound, fifty feet of No. 18 double cotton-covered wire must be cut off and wound upon it lengthwise; this quantity can be nearly all used for a coil with careful manipulation, making for the ten coils about 160 yards, or $3\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. on the entire ring.

The services of another votary of science will

be useful to receive the shuttle as it is passed through the interior of the coil, the winder, who must carefully guide the strands evenly and tightly in the channels between the edges on the periphery of the core, keeping them well within the guides inside the ring by piling the strands over the layers. The winder should occupy a low seat with his assistant on his left, and have at hand some small pieces of tape in readiness to protect the covering of the wire when taking it past any edges of the cogs that may appear dangerous to insulation; a hammer and a piece of wood hollowed concave like the outside slips holding the guides in Fig. 20 will also be required. The wood is for the purpose of being held upon each layer of wire as it is laid in the recess and tapped down flat with a hammer as the winding proceeds, so as to keep the coils from bulging at the exterior of the ring beyond the cogs, the uniformity of the strands lying *within the core* being of no consequence.

By means of a galvanometer and battery, tests for insulation should be frequently made by connecting with copper wire one terminal of the battery to one binding screw of the galvanometer; the other battery terminal leading to a free end of the wire coil being wound, another wire proceeding from the other binding screw of galvanometer and placed in contact with the iron core, will deflect the detector needle if the insulation is defective; if no deflection occurs the insulation is good and the winding may be proceeded with.

When a coil is wound a few spare inches of wire

should be left and bent round the end of a guide and the strands afterwards painted with shellac varnish. When dry a second and third coat can be applied so that the wire will become firmly set, then the guides can be removed and the sides of the strands of wire within the ring can be also varnished. This will set the inner layers fast together and secure them in their allotted space, the varnished strands forming a boundary wall to wind the adjacent coil against.

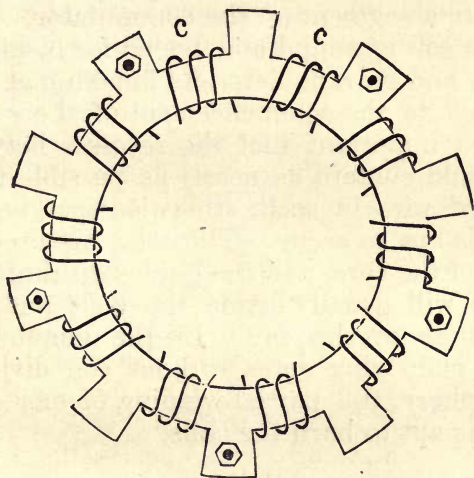


FIG. 22.

The first coil being wound as represented at *c* on the left Fig. 22, the next one *c* on the right must also be wound in the same direction, and the

remainder of sections on the ring filled in the same manner ; all beginnings as well as endings of coils require to be on the same side of the ring to connect them to the bars of the commutator. It is advisable to paint all the beginnings of coils with red sealing wax varnish to distinguish them from the finishing ends, so that there may be no mistake when the entire ring is wound in connecting the coils properly to the commutator bars, as cases have happened in which amateurs have, in error, joined both ends of one coil to a segment of the commutator.

As a coil is wound and tested for insulation by a battery and galvanometer, its finishing end should be twisted to the commencement of the next one ; it is also important that the recesses between the cogs should contain as nearly as possible the same amount of wire in each, otherwise sparking at the brushes is apt to occur. The cogs, however, on the exterior of the core, and the guides within it (during winding) will equally divide the coils and prevent any strands overlapping. In the employment of wire or plain ring cores without cog divisions on the periphery, the partial winding of one coil over another is apt to burn the coils.

CHAPTER XII.

THE operator having satisfied himself that the wire is perfectly insulated from the iron core over which it is wound, the armature can be permanently mounted with the commutator upon the shaft, the nut securing them both tightly in position ; where

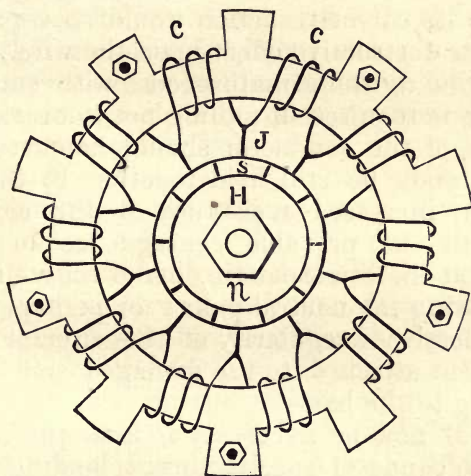


FIG. 23.

the ends of any coils emerge from the ring in close

proximity to the metal arms of the supports, a piece of gutta percha or india rubber tubing should be slipped over the wire for extra insulation.

The ten coils are to be connected in series, and at the point where the finishing end of a coil unites with the beginning of the next one, a junction wire J, Fig. 23, leading from a commutator bar, is also attached. When all joints have been properly effected by soldering, the junctions and wire strands should be painted with Japan black, but if any soldering fluid has been used in making the connections all traces of it should be first removed by applying paraffin oil with a soft camel hair brush, otherwise its corrosive action would soon produce a fault by its destructive effect upon the wire.

In winding the armature core with small wire, great care is required in pulling not to break it; if a severance of the conductor should happen and the fractured ends be still held together by the cotton insulation, increased resistance of the coil would arise, with the probable consequence of greater sparking at the corresponding bar of the commutator when passing the neutral points, or perhaps producing a defective irregularity of the circular form of the segment attached to the damaged coil by a *flat* happening to the bar.

It will now be necessary to bind the armature with two bands of special tinned binding wire, as supplied by the London Electric Wire Company; some tape must first be wrapped upon the outer surface of the coils so that they are not short

circuited by the fine binding strands cutting into them. This external wire must be secured by a little solder, which if applied over the cogs does not risk burning the cotton insulation of the wire coils ; in soldering resin only must be used as a flux. An excellent soldering solution for this operation has been patented by Mr. J. H. Watkins, of Eccles. The coils of the armature although tightly wound over the iron if unprotected by the hoop form of binding, would by the action of centrifugal force soon collide with the pole pieces when revolving at high speed, although it is possible that the coils may expand to some extent by a degree of heating, thus contributing to the danger which the external lashing of the armature prevents. The amateur must not however be too lavish in binding the armature coils with a conductor, which is also an insulator of magnetic induction.

WINDING THE FIELD MAGNET.

Having selected the wire for field magnet cores, the next consideration will be the direction of winding : this is shown by the diagram, Fig. 24, and a convenient method is to wind each of the four core bars in separate lengths of wire, afterwards joining the two top commencing or inner ends B B together. The lower commencements B B are also to be united to each other, and the two finishing ends F.¹ F.¹ connected together if shunt wound (see Fig. 28). For making these attachments brass double screwed clips

as in Fig. 25 will be found very convenient; the two remaining ends F . F . are each connected to a brush, and a wire leading from each brush to binding

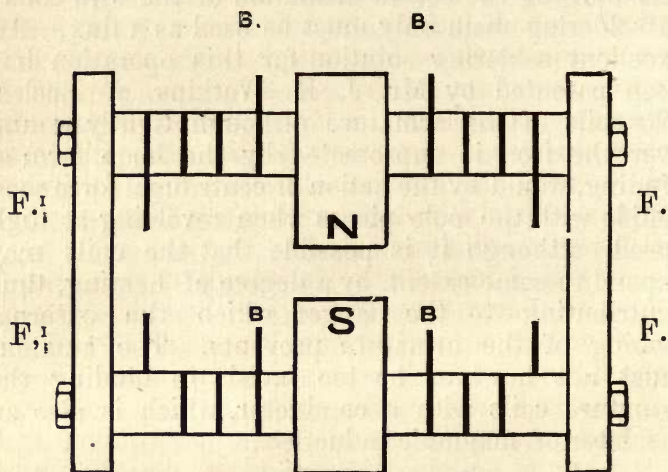


FIG. 24.

screw will complete the arrangement for the shunt system. If, however, the dynamo is series wound,

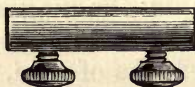


FIG. 25.

the ends F_1 . F_2 . must each be joined to a terminal (see Fig. 27) to supply the outer circuit, instead of from the brush clamps as in the shunt wound

machine. The amateur possessing a lathe can conveniently wind the cores by mounting them between the centre points and letting the bars revolve slowly by using the back gear if the lathe is so provided. The wire which is fed from a bobbin moving freely on a spindle must be wound tightly and evenly upon the iron cores, and as the last layer upon each limb approaches completion, a few slips of narrow silk ribbon should be wound between the turns for tying and securing the last convolutions from springing undone before the helices have been set fast by some coatings of shellac varnish.

If the dynamo is to be shunt or compound wound, the commencement of each coil should have a short length of much stouter wire soldered to it for greater strength and safety, as there would always be some risk of a small entering wire breaking, and such a mishap would involve unwinding and re-winding to obtain a new attachment to the inner wire; these commencing ends should also have a few inches of small gutta percha or india rubber tubing slipped over them to increase the insulation of the conductors from the iron recesses in the cheeks of pole pieces G, Fig. 2: suitable tubing can be obtained at any chemist's shop.

When the dynamo is wound, either as shunt or series, it is necessary to impart an initial magnetism to the pole pieces, and any galvanic battery that may be conveniently at hand will do this; the armature may be placed in its position, as its iron toothed ring will act as a keeper to the poles during the process

of magnetism, increasing the magnetic intensity; it is, however, advisable not to introduce the resistance of its coils into the magnetising circuit; therefore disconnect the upper and lower field magnet wires which lead to the brush holders and connect them to the binding screws of a detector galvanometer instead.

It is not important that the upper pole piece should be magnetised of North polarity and the bottom one South, as shown in Fig. 23, for it may be *vice versa*; it therefore does not matter which binding screw of the battery is coupled to the right or left terminal of dynamo; the contact of a few seconds will suffice to impart magnetism in the pole pieces by the battery current passing through the four field magnet coils.

The polarity of pole pieces can be ascertained for satisfaction by bringing a poised compass card or galvanometer needle near either pole piece after the battery current has been applied to the circuit; if the upper pole should have acquired north polarity it will attract the south pointing end of the needle; if south, the north pointing end will be deflected towards it.

Now observe the *direction* of deflection of galvanometer needle in the magnetising circuit, and as the immortal Captain Cuttle would remark, *when found make a note of.*

Having denoted deflection of the needle, and supposing the pole pieces to be magnetised N and S as shown in the diagram, Fig. 24, the amateur must

understand that when the dynamo is in action, the induced current set up in the armature must produce the same magnetic polarity in these pole pieces as that first imparted to them by the battery process, only in an intensified degree, as the residual magnetism will be but weak after the battery is disconnected from terminals of dynamo, yet sufficient will remain in the iron poles to induce current electricity in the armature when it is revolved between them.

Having successfully magnetised the poles, disconnect the galvanic battery, and it will now be necessary to determine the direction in which the armature must in the future be revolved, and in this experiment its own coils must be brought into action, but not necessarily the field magnet wire.

Do not detach the upper field magnet wire from binding screw of testing galvanometer; the other terminal of this instrument, however, connect to a brush pressing upon the commutator, and the opposite brush join to end of lower field magnet wire, then short circuit the field wires in the manner shewn by a wire spiral at W, Fig. 26, where the connections in this testing circuit comprising the armature A, brushes B, and galvanometer G are represented.

Devise some mechanical arrangement, either from a lathe speed wheel or other source of rotary motion to revolve the armature quickly by a gut cord passing over the pulley on its shaft; a current of electricity will now be induced in the wire coils of

the armature through its rapid rotation between the magnetised poles, passing by the commutator bars through brushes thence to the galvanometer, the needle of which will be deflected; and referring to

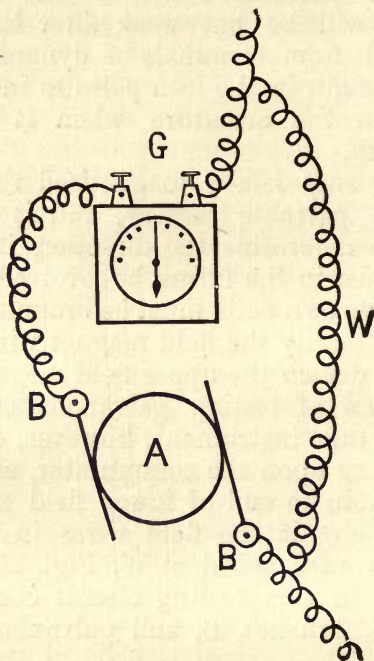


FIG. 26.

the note made upon the historical advice of Captain Cuttle—if the needle points in the same direction as it did when the battery current was passed through the field

coils the armature has been turned the right way ; if, however, it indicates in the opposite direction, the shaft must be revolved in the reverse manner, so that the revolutions produce the same deflection of galvanometer needle as when a note was made during the process of magnetising by the battery.

The foregoing method has been described in order that the student may clearly understand the principle upon which the armature supplies an electric current to magnetise the pole pieces ; upon starting the dynamo, if it does not immediately light up the lamps it may be presumed that the armature does not furnish current to the electro magnet coils in the right direction, but there is no actual need to reverse the direction of running, as changing over the two field magnet wires, which are connected to the brushes B. B., Fig. 27, will answer the same purpose. And with respect to imparting an initial magnetism to pole-pieces, the Engineer, whose letter appears at page 11, has informed the writer that he immediately started his dynamo without magnetising the poles ; this success was undoubtedly due to terrestrial magnetism of the iron, assisted by the carcase being tapped or hammered during the process of fitting together. This instance serves to prove the sensitiveness of the armature described while rotating within a very weak magnetic field produced by the action of the earth upon the iron carcase of the machine.

CHAPTER XIII.

HAVING ascertained the direction in which the armature will turn in the future (which is usually clock-wise), remove the galvanometer and let the upper

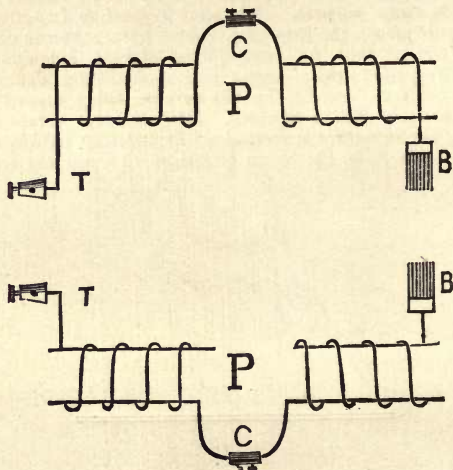


FIG. 27.

and lower field magnet wires be each connected to a spindle supporting a brush ; the diagram, Fig. 27,

denotes the method of connecting up the wires if series wound ; C C clips (see Fig. 25) uniting inner ends of coils bridging over pole pieces P, P. T, T terminals. B, B brushes. Fig. 28 illustrates the circuit if shunt wound.

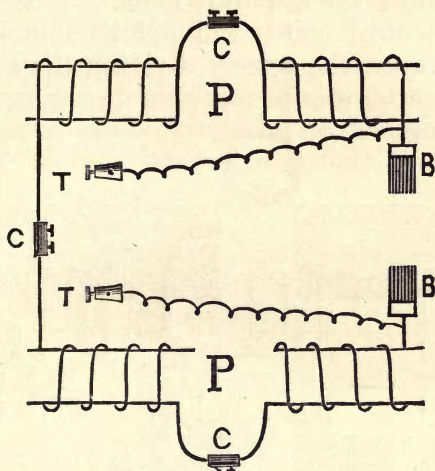


FIG. 28.

It may now be assumed that the dynamo is practically ready for an installation with the two brushes pressing evenly upon the commutator so that they do not jump to cause sparking at the commutator and consequent flickering of the light ; the brushes must also be placed at the proper angle of contact with the commutator so that their pressure upon its moving surface is unproductive of noise ; they must not be lifted while the dynamo is in action,

and must be set to make contact with such bars of the commutator as form the points of current junction of the two halves of the ring diametrically opposite to each other, termed the "neutral points" where the brushes collect the united currents induced in each half of the armature coils. [3332]

The neutral points will not be found in a line exactly between the spaces dividing the extremities

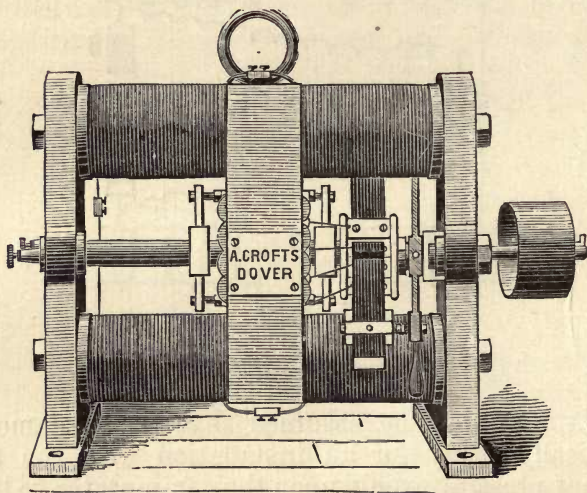


FIG. 29.

of the upper poles from those of the lower, but rather in advance, in the direction of running, and are variable according to the speed of armature rotation

and also from any alteration of resistance in lamp circuit, therefore a *lead* has to be given the brushes, which lead requires adjustment upon an increase or decrease of the current generated in armature.

The little Gramme being now completed will weigh about 100 lbs., and the ironwork may be nicely painted with Griffiths' enamel varnish (Oxford blue suits nicely), which dries quickly, and will give it a neat and presentable appearance; the wire coils should receive four or five coats of varnish made up as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ pint brown hard varnish, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint brown polish, 2 oz. Chinese red. Fig. 29 illustrates the finished dynamo, and if the foregoing instructions have been carefully followed out, its efficiency will be about 360 *watts* or 45 volts 8 ampères, a watt being one ampère multiplied by one volt.

A *volt* is the measure for pressure of current, and is approximately equal to the electro-motive force of one Daniell cell.

An *ampère* is the measure for quantity of current.

An *ohm* is the measure of resistance, equal to 129 yards of copper wire $\frac{1}{16}$ th of an inch in diameter, but it must be remembered that the resistance of copper wire varies with different makers.

CHAPTER XIV.

MANAGING THE DYNAMO.

THE machine should, if possible, be placed in a dry situation, and be kept perfectly clean and free from grease, especially the commutator and brushes ; the former may be brightened if dirty, by the application of very fine emery cloth to its surface when slowly revolving, and the brushes can be rinsed in paraffin oil to remove any grease there may be upon them ; the ends of both brushes must be evenly cut, and if formed of a bundle of wires should be hollowed concave to suit the circle of the commutator ; the copper bands confining the ends must be pushed down as the brushes wear away, but should be kept sufficiently near the ends to prevent any of the wires from straggling outside the commutator—the least touch of oil is sufficient lubrication upon the commutator preparatory to running.

A canvas jacket, oiled and painted, to resist damp, should be made to slip over the dynamo when not in use ; to protect it from dust, damp and rust.

DRIVING POWER.

It is important that the driving power should be steady ; a half-horse steam, gas, or petroleum

engine will drive the dynamo nicely, a rather larger engine, however, will secure a greater steadiness in running; where countershafting is employed, and space permits, the machine should be placed on the opposite side of the motor; the dynamo had better be permanently bolted to an oak slab, and the latter fastened to a floor or solid wood foundation; this method will not risk breaking the projections for the bolts at the base of standards when fixing the machine.

WIRING.

The conducting wires leading from the dynamo to lamps should be sufficiently large so that they may only interpose an insignificant resistance between the generator and the lamps—much smaller wire can, however, be used in attaching each lamp to the mains—the conductors may be of No. 14 wire, covered with vulcanized india rubber, if passing through damp situations; otherwise double cotton covered will answer well enough if dressed with shellac varnish.

The mains should be run in casings of wood, having two grooves or channels planed out an inch or so apart from each other; continuous deal casing can be bought ready prepared for use, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per foot, and where practicable this method is preferable to fastening the wire to walls with staples or cleats; an ornamental moulding slip is also sold to screw over the casing containing the conductors, which

keeps them snugly out of the way; where small wires bridge the mains for lamps, the junctions should be soldered to the thick wires, so that a faulty joint may not interfere with the brilliancy of a lamp. Strand wires are often used for main conductors covered with vulcanized india rubber, but the cost is considerably more than the single varnished cotton wire.

LAMPS.

The machine if shunt wound will light six of Woodhouse and Rawson's 45 volt 20 candle-power

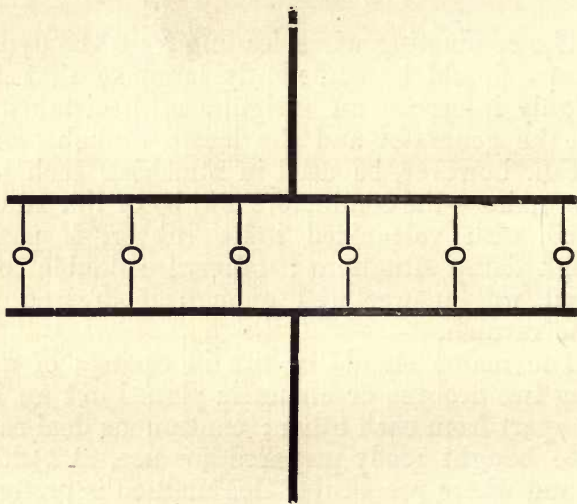


FIG. 30.

lamps, to their full brilliancy if connected in single

parallel system as in diagram, Fig. 30. As the lamps placed nearest to the dynamo will be found brighter than those at the distant end of the circuit, let the leads from terminals of dynamo be connected in the centre of the lamp circuit as shewn, instead of at the extremities of leads, so as to produce a more even distribution of current. The diagram, Fig. 31, illustrates the method of connecting twelve lamps of ten candle-power each in double parallel.

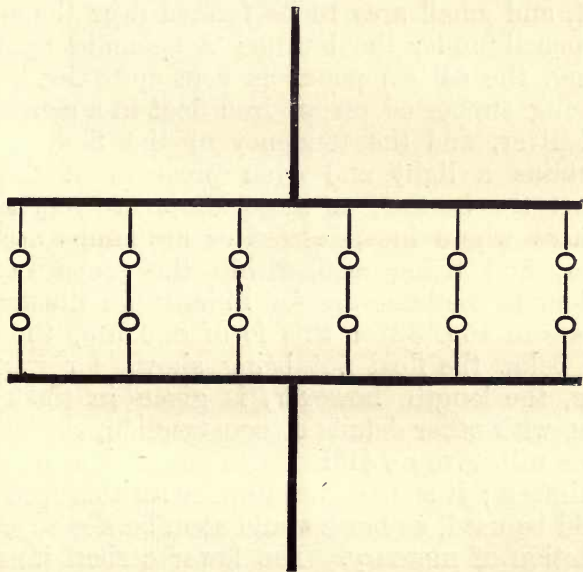


FIG. 31.

CHAPTER XV.

SEMI-INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

IN this system of electric lighting, a carbon pencil is arranged to press lightly against a steel or carbon button, causing an intense heating of the carbon point, and small arcs to be formed near the end of the pencil under the button; a splendid light resulting, the carbon pencil is kept up to the button by being supported on an iron float in a column of quicksilver, and the tendency of the float to rise maintains a light and even pressure of the rod against the button; as these lamps are very useful in cases where incandescent or arc lamps are unsuited, and being also within the scope of the amateur to manufacture for himself, an illustration appears in Fig. 32 of this form of lamp, the iron tube below the float not being shown for want of space, the length, however, is given in the references, with other details of construction, so that the reader will have no difficulty in manufacturing them for himself; it is, however, imperative that iron tube should be used, as brass would soon be destroyed by the action of mercury. The lower carbon must be negative, so that the point of the pencil is maintained.

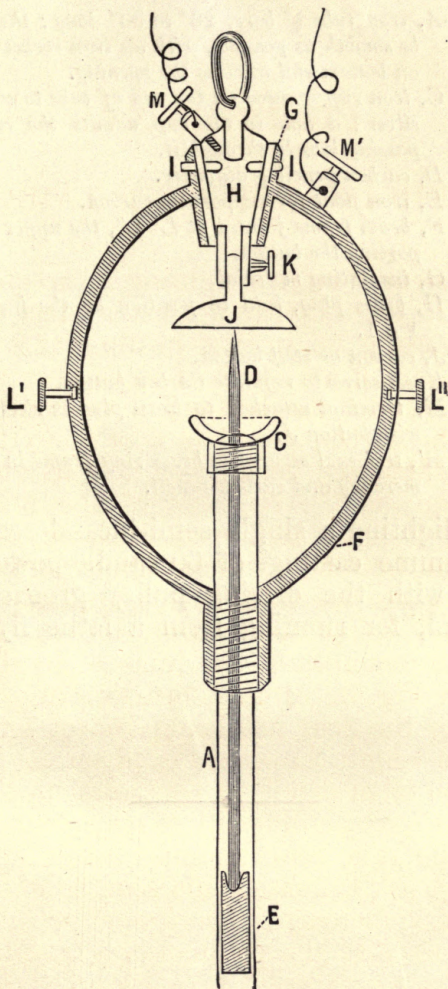


FIG. 32.

References—A, iron tube $\frac{1}{4}$ " bore, 26" to 30" long; the bore should be smooth as possible, with an iron socket plug screwed on bottom end to close the opening.

C, iron cup screwed on top end of tube to contain quick-silver; a hole in the cup admits the carbon pencil passing loosely through it.

D, carbon pencil $\frac{1}{8}$ diameter.

E, iron float for supporting carbon.

F, brass frame jointed at L' L", the upper portion supporting the button.

G, insulating material.

H, brass plug, held in position by the insulating pins 1 o 1.

J, carbon or steel button.

K, set screw to regulate Carbon button.

M, terminal attached to brass plug in electrical contact with button J.

M', terminal secured to brass ring frame in contact with mercury and carbon pencil.

For lighting a single semi-incandescent lamp, small Gramme castings of 60 candle-power can be obtained with the driving pulley grooved to suit a gut cord, for running from a lathe fly-wheel if required.

APPENDIX I.

In the foregoing instructions the dynamo has been regarded as a machine for converting mechanical energy into electricity ; a Gramme dynamo, however,

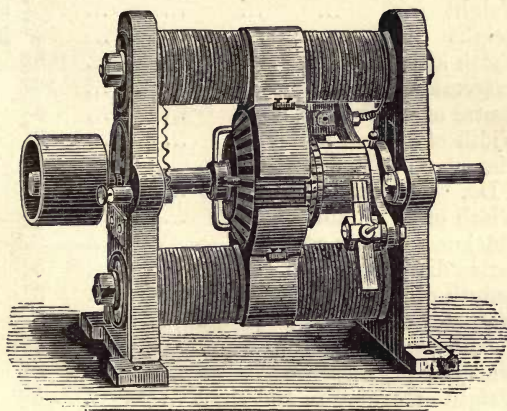


FIG. 33.

will adapt itself for transforming electricity into motive power, the converse of its original purpose ;

a small Gramme of 100 candle-power lighting capacity, of which Fig. 33 is an illustration, has been used as a motor to drive sewing machines in a machinist's window near the Cathedral in the City of Canterbury, and was made by the proprietor of the establishment from castings designed by the writer. Mr. Philpott, the maker, considers this little Gramme capable of driving six sewing machines; it has a malleable iron ring casting with sixteen cogs for its armature core and which answers extremely well for the purpose; the following are leading particulars of this little motor:—

Weight	$\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.
Height	13 inches.
Width at base	$8\frac{3}{4}$ "
Extreme length of shaft	$16\frac{1}{2}$ "
Centre of shaft from floor	$6\frac{3}{4}$ "
Width of driving pulley... ..	2 "
Diameter of do.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ "
Do. of armature	$4\frac{7}{8}$ "
Width of do.	$2\frac{1}{4}$ "
Thickness of ring core	$\frac{7}{16}$ "
Inside diameter of do.	$3\frac{1}{4}$ "
Length of each F.M. coil	$3\frac{1}{2}$ "
Diameter of do. (wound)	3 "
Thickness of F.M. iron core	$1\frac{3}{4}$ "
Width of brushes	$\frac{3}{4}$ "
Weight of armature and shaft	$8\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Do. of wound fields with pole pieces	31 "
Do. of iron ring core unwound	4 "
Do. of wire on fields	13 "
Do. of ,, armature core	$2\frac{1}{2}$ "

It must be remembered that in using the machine

as a motor, the armature will not turn in the same direction as when employed for electric lighting, if it is in series with the field magnet coils. The armature of a shunt motor will, however, revolve the

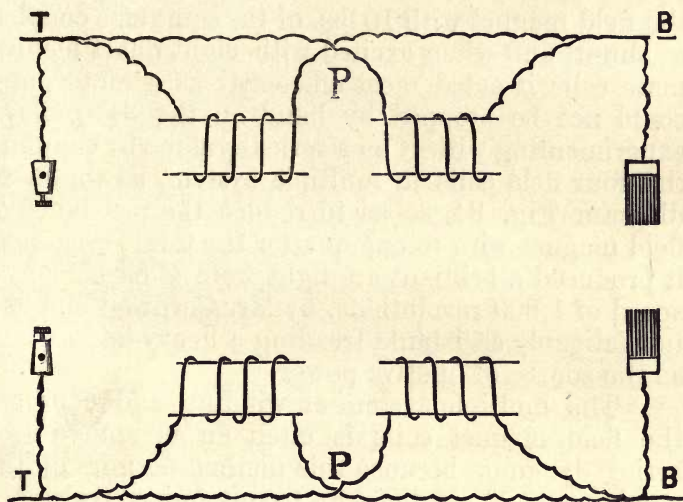


FIG. 34.

References—P P, Wires crossing over pole pieces, but not in contact together.

T T, Terminal junctions.

B B, Brush junctions.

same way as when the machine is used for generating electricity. As an instance of the performance of a shunt-wound motor, an accomplished electrician,

Mr. Oliver Cornwell, of West Brighton, who is an expert in dynamo engineering, has recently constructed a motor from castings employed in the machine, Fig. 33, the armature being wound with $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of No. 18 double cotton-covered wire, and the field magnet with 10 lbs. of the same size coupled as shunt, and when excited with eight quart bichromate cells it acted most efficiently as a motor, and could not be stopped by hand on the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pulley; experimenting with it as a series dynamo by coupling the four field coils in multiple system, as shewn in diagram Fig. 34, so as to reduce the resistance of field magnet wire to one quarter the total resistance, it produced a brilliant arc light from $\frac{1}{4}$ " carbons at a speed of 1,800 revolutions, by Mr. Cornwell and two indefatigable assistants treading a heavy lathe-wheel as the source of motive power.

The multiple system of winding and coupling the field magnet coils is often an advantage in a series dynamo, because this method permits of the employment of smaller wire to suit a given resistance of armature; the smaller wire allowing of a greater number of ampère turns on the iron field bars, which magnetises them to saturation, although the current is split or divided through the coils.

By connecting the four coils together *in series* a sufficient resistance is obtained in these small dynamos to admit of their being used as shunt, and by having binding screws on the base board attached to the ends of all field magnet coils with a suitable arrangement of switches, such a motor as Fig. 33,

can be quickly converted into either a shunt or series dynamo, and will be found very useful for lighting two 50-candle power semi-incandescent lamps as designed by Mr. Cornwell, and represented in the engraving Fig 32.

The addition of a small fly-wheel on the shaft at opposite end of pulley is a decided advantage to these motors, and will also assist in steadiness of working when used for generating electricity to produce the electric light. It may, however, be remarked that a good dynamo will not always convert itself into a satisfactory motor; a machine that will not act well as a dynamo will often make a splendid motor if its field magnet system is slight and lightly wound.

Engineers and amateurs who are desirous of procuring a complete set of the necessary castings in iron and brass for building the Dynamo herein described, can obtain a Price List of the various parts, also of larger or smaller machines from fifty to five hundred candle power, by enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope to ALFRED CROFTS, Electrician, Dover; while to those who have finished a dynamo and require some incandescent lamps and fittings, at a moderate price, to complete the installation in an elegant manner, it may be remarked that lamps, &c., can be obtained at Messrs. Wheatley-Kirk-Price and Goulty's Electrical Stores, 39, Queen Street, London, E.C., at a low figure, and it will well repay those who call there, or send for their Catalogue.

It may also be of interest to aspiring amateurs to read the following extract from a letter dated April 10th, 1890, and received by the writer from an electrician in Oil City, America, to whom a set of 120 C.-P. Gramme castings were sent:—"The machine has been working very satisfactorily. I have seven 40 Volt 16 C.-P. lamps, using a water motor for power."

APPENDIX II.

A Manchester type dynamo carcass is illustrated in Fig. 35, having wrought iron field bars *w w* of

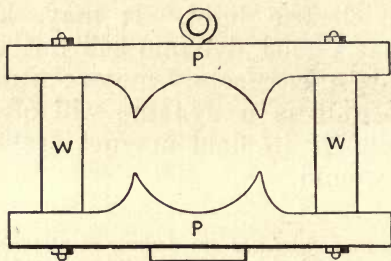


FIG. 35.

round section $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter by $5\frac{1}{4}$ in. long, uniting two similar castings *p p* by means of nuts screwed upon projecting pins of the forgings *w w* passing through holes in *p p*; the lower casting having extensions at right angles to which plummer blocks are bolted for supporting the armature shaft to a carcass $16\frac{1}{4}$ in. long, with a semi-circular space $5\frac{3}{16}$ in. by 3 in. for receiving a Gramme armature previously described, and containing 8 lbs. of No. 18 wire on each field limb; lighted seven 20 cp lamps brilliantly. As an

account of this experiment appeared in the "Dover Chronicle" of February 22nd, 1890, a reprint is appended:

"Several local tradesmen visited Mr. James License's turning factory in St. James' St., on Thursday evening, to examine an installation of the Electric Light that had been fitted up there. A small dynamo and the appliances were made by Mr. Crofts, a local electrician of some note, and the arrangements were clearly explained by him. A strap was put on to the dynamo machine from one of the pulleys attached to the engine which works Mr. License's lathe and steam saw, and the results were very satisfactory. There were six Edison Swan Lamps, and these fully lit up the workshop. Mr. Crofts stated that when there was machinery being continually moved by steam or gas engines, the cost of lighting by means of these lamps was very small indeed, whereas the cost of the dynamos of the size shown would not be more than ten or twelve pounds. There is very little doubt Mr. Crofts has overcome a great difficulty by thus allowing at small cost the electric light to be used on a small scale."

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